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BEAUTY IS BACK FROM THE BRINK

Report by Lisa Wright

Miss Black Country Nikki Sahota survived kidney failure

A BRAVE beauty queen who battled back from the brink of death has set her sights on the Miss England title.

Martial arts enthusiast Nikki Sahota, from West Bromwich, was forced to pull out of the contest last year after being struck down by potentially fatal kidney failure just days before the finals.

Weeks earlier she had celebrated being crowned Miss Black Country, despite having just been released from hospital on the day of the contest, when her health problems first started to develop.

Celebrations were short-lived as her condition deteriorated over the weeks that followed, with kidney infections and septicemia leading to acute renal failure. She was left fighting for her life instead of pursuing her dream of competing in the Miss England final.

But the 24-year-old had made a remarkable recovery, regaining full health and finding a new passion as a mixed martial arts fighter.

She qualified for Miss England after winning Miss Asian Model and still holds her Miss Black Country title, as no pageant has taken place since she won 18 months ago. She competes in the Miss England 2013 finals this weekend in Torquay.

Graduate

Wolverhampton-born Nikki, a clinical psychology graduate said: "It's exactly a year ago when I started to get ill but it feels like another life. I feel like I was in a glass snow-globe being shaken around. It's mentally challenging when you get ill, you don't look or feel great."

Last August Nikki took up mixed martial arts (MMA)and has gained sponsorship from some of the sport's leading international brands. She has also set her sights on boxing for Team GB in the 2016 Olympic Games, as well as pursuing her career as a clinical psychologist. She has also appeared in the blockbuster film Fast & Furious 6.

The 5ft 7ins beauty, who spent two years training as a Territorial Army officer while studying at Staffordshire University, said taking up mixed martial arts after regaining her health had helped her.

"I've always been a tomboy, I did boxing on and off at school and then last August, after I recovered from illness, it was like when I went into the Territorial Army, I wanted to just push myself.

"Now it's like there's two different personas, on one hand a girl with glamorous dresses and a crown and heels, but on the other hand, when I'm in my MMA gear I'm tough and empowered. I want to inspire others to go and follow their dreams."

No apology after lazy label is put on borough

THE chairman of an anti-obesity group who said people in Sandwell were 'caught in a lazy rut' has said he will not apologise, despite an angry letter from a council health boss.

Tam Fry, from the National Obesity Forum, said Sandwell had nothing to encourage walking and cycling, when he gave his opinion on how the borough had been ranked bottom in a national Department for Transport survey about exercise.

Mr Fry said: "I fully understand that Mr Moore's council has put in place a wealth of policies and facilities where people can do activities but the main problem is you can lead a horse to water, you can't make it drink.

"The people of Sandwell have worrying levels of inactivity. There are people who are upset about what I said and have pointed out that they do go to Sandwell Valley and they do use the leisure centres but they are a small proportion."

Councillor Paul Moore, Sandwell Council's cabinet member for health and well-being, said: "I urged Mr Fry to apologise to the people of Sandwell for what in my opinion was a disgraceful slur. He has declined to do this, which is very disappointing."

Campaign at school

A PETITION is being launched as parents and governors fight plans to turn a Smethwick primary school into an academy.

More than 150 people attended a public meeting to voice concerns about the Department for Education's plan to turn Galton Valley Primary into an academy.

The Brasshouse Lane school was placed in special measures last February and told it must improve.

Jalal Uddin, a parent governor with two children at the school, said: "In the last 12 to 15 months the school has improved substantially."

Bid to ease congestion at key island

A £13 million funding bid has been submitted to transport bosses for work at an Oldbury traffic island in an effort to ease congestion on a key route.

Sandwell Council has requested the money from Black Country Strategic Transport so it can drive a road through the middle of Birchley Island.

The island, one of the main gateways into the borough, is next to junction two of the M5, with 92,000 motorists negotiating it every day. Councillors are expected to approve plans to allocate £620,000 if the project gets the go-ahead.

"We have put in a bid for funding, and we expect to hear something in July about what happens next," said Sandwell's finance chief Councillor Steve Eling.

"We may be told to clear off or we might get the green light for a full application.

"As part of our application, we have to show what we are prepared to contribute towards the scheme. But if we put time and effort into a plan, I want reasonable assurance we will get the go-ahead."

The plans would see Wolverhampton Road run straight through the island.

Cheek and chips

From sea to Shaw – Owner Simon Shaw pictured at Chamberlains Fish Bar in Wolverhampton Road, Oldbury, with Chef Shane Read and Lindsey Evans as he prepares for do a special fresh fish run between Oldbury and Whitby

THE landlocked Black Country is not famed for fresh sea fish but one fish and chip restaurant owner hopes to change that at a special charity day boasting the best catch.

Simon Shaw, owner of the award-winning Chamberlains fish in Oldbury, has organised an event to celebrate national Fish Friday and will be travelling to Whitby on June 21 to collect that day's catch and bring it all the way back for lunchtime service.

Mr Shaw said: "I want to bring some of the UK's freshest fish to the heart of the country, where we don't often get the variety enjoyed on the coast."

Dishes on the menu could include such delacies as catfish cheeks or Scarborough Woof (wolfish), each cooked by the chefs that have won the restaurant numerous awards including Best Newcomer to the Fish & Chip Industry at last year's National Fish & Chip awards.

"I want people to try and experience something different from what they are used to, said the restaurateur.

Money raised during the day-long event will go to the Fishermen's Mission charity.

For more information about the day visit www.chamberlainsfishandchips.co.uk

Odeon is to open £3m new cinema next month

A £3 million cinema complex is scheduled to open in West Bromwich next month.

Bosses say Odeon's five-screen multiplex will open in the £200m New Square shopping and leisure centre on July 12.

It is part of a wider development project by Tesco, which will also include new shops and restaurants and is expected to create around 1,200 jobs.

Roger Harris, Odeon's chief operating officer for UK and Ireland, said: "We are thrilled to be part of the New Square development and are very much looking forward to welcoming guests to the new Odeon West Bromwich site when it opens next month."

Asset

Steve Burr, centre manger at New Square, said: "West Bromwich has waited a long time for its own cinema experience.

"I know that the Odeon will be a great asset to not only New Square but the local community and the surrounding areas."

To celebrate the opening Odeon, which is Europe's largest cinema group, will be offering discounted family tickets for £15 throughout July, alongside regular offers such as Bargain Tuesdays and various concessions.

Arson fear over blaze

AROUND 500 tons of scrap metal went up in flames in Smethwick on Wednesday as police revealed a spate of suspected arson attacks on scrapyards in the Black Country could be linked.

Fifty firefighters tackled the blaze at the Sims Metal Management site on Rabone Lane. Sixty workers were evacuated and nearby residents were advised to keep their doors and windows closed. Motorists were also advised to avoid the area.

Smoke could be seen billowing 100ft into the sky above Smethwick.

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Disability rights champion dies

Campaigner Roy Short

THE founder of a disability charity in the Black Country has died aged 75.

Roy Short, from Bearwood, was also a trustee of Ideal for All, which he set up in 1996 to promote the rights and wellbeing of Sandwell residents living with disability.

He died on Thursday, May 30, in hospital and is survived by his sister and nephews.

Mr Short suffered from a rare eye condition called retinitis pigmentosa that left him blind at the age of 28.

Helping

During his sighted years, he worked as an engineer. He went on to devote a large part of his life to helping others.

Mr Short was also instrumental in raising the £2 million needed to build the Independent Living Centre in Oldbury Road, Smethwick.

His funeral will be held at Sandwell Crematorium, in West Bromwich, on Monday.

A memorial day in his honour will be held on July 17 at Ideal for All in Oldbury Road, Smethwick.

College in talks over taking on The Public

A MULTI-MILLION pound sum would need to be pumped into The Public to transform it into a sixth-form college, admit education chiefs.

Sandwell College bosses looking to take over the building say it is too early to say how much would need to be spent adapting the iconic arts centre.

But, when pressed for a figure, they highlighted the £20m cost of converting a school to an academy – while pledging their scheme would be cheaper.

Vice principal Scott Upton said: "Academies can cost £20m to convert but we're not looking anywhere near that. Obviously, we would need to put classroom space in there but central student services – finance support, learning support – would be retained in the main Spon Lane college building."

He added: "These are still just talks, it's not a done deal."

Campus

The total planned cost of The Public when approved in 2001 was £38.3m. Construction costs sent the price spiralling to £72m.

The £77m Sandwell College campus in Spon Lane opened to pupils last year. Already bosses say there is not enough room for A-level and AS-level students.

They are in talks with Sandwell Council about transforming The Public into a sixth form to accommodate 1,000 A-level and AS-level students.

Sandwell College currently has capacity for 500 A-level and AS-level students on the sixth floor of its Spon Lane building.

The college plans are the latest twist in the long-running saga over the gallery and arts centre. Mr Upton said the look and location of The Public was ideal for the college. "It's a unique design – vibrant and fresh," he said.

Warley's wonderland

A PROFESSIONAL theatre company will take to the stage for the annual Theatre in the Woods event in Smethwick on Sunday. Heartbreak Productions bring Alice – An Extraordinary Adventure, an adaptation of Lewis Carroll's book, to Warley Wood at 3pm.

For tickets call 01214 292440.

School plan memorials to popular teacher

Darren and Shan Marsh with a photograph of their daughter Gemma, who taught at Great Bridge Primary

TWO memorials will be installed at a Great Bridge school in memory of a young teacher who died after a short battle with cancer.

An outdoor sculpture and an indoor 'bubble wall' – reflecting Gemma Marsh's 'bubbly' personality – are among ideas being discussed for Great Bridge Primary School.

Headteacher Liz Regan said staff and parents had already contributed towards the bespoke monuments and the school would continue fundraising.

The school closed on Monday and Tuesday this week and staff attended the funeral at West Chapel in Bushbury Crematorium.

Paying tribute to the 'outstanding' 25-year-old, Ms Regan said: "Her positive attitude and tireless dedication to our children was uplifting to experience.

Smile

"Her tragic passing has left the entire school distraught and with an immeasurable sense of loss.

"We will always remember Gemma – her infectious smile, sense of humour and perseverance with the most reluctant learners.

"We were honoured and privileged to have known her."

Ms Marsh, of Bushbury, who taught the school's 5M class, had gone for a routine smear test in November, as every woman in the UK is invited to do at 25. Only days later she was diagnosed with cervical cancer and after six months of intensive chemotherapy and radiotherapy she died on May 27.

Ms Marsh's parents, Shan and Darren, said she would be remembered as a 'bubbly personality' and also called for the screening age to be lowered.

Road death highlights danger for pedestrians

A MAN killed after being hit by a car in Sandwell was more than three times over the drink-drive limit, an inquest heard.

Avtar Bening, 46, was seen staggering in and out of the bushes in the dark by another motorist before he was hit near to Sandwell Valley Crematorium just after 10pm on July 29. Unemployed Mr Bening, of Alexandra Road, Handsworth, died from his injuries following the incident in Forge Lane.

At Smethwick Council House on Monday, driver Rayel Johnson, of Ada Road, Smethwick, said: "From nowhere this man appeared in front of the car. "

React

Traffic collision investigator Pc Graham Harrison, calculated that Mr Johnson could have only seen Mr Bening, in dark clothing, up to 65ft before the crash, giving him under a second to react at 30mph.

He said a blood test showed there were 230 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millitres of blood in Mr Bening's blood. The legal limit for driving is 80 milligrams.

Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain concluded Mr Bening died as a result of the crash. He said: "This case highlights the danger to pedestrians. Firstly of walking in the road in very dark clothing and secondly walking at night having drunk a lot of alcohol."

He added: "It seems to me that there is no reason for Mr Johnson to criticise himself."

New factory is paving the way for jobs

PROPOSALS for a new factory which could create 10 jobs in West Bromwich have been welcomed.

Pro Tech Pavers Ltd want to build on a two-acre site on the wider Phoenix International Industrial Estate.

The site will be produce asphalt for use in road construction.

Bosses hope to operate the site seven days a week and supply major construction companies.

A planning application for the development has been submitted to Sandwell Council.

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Widow mourns best friend after road tragedy

Motorcyclist Nick Foster

THE widow of a motorcyclist who died after crashing into a lamp post on a busy dual carriageway in the Black Country described her husband as her 'best friend'.

Nick Foster, from Tipton, came off his bike in Manor Way, Halesowen, at 9.15pm on Friday.

The 32-year-old had had the machine a few months and was on the way back from Bridgnorth with a friend. His wife Claire Foster said: "He was my best friend – I had known him so long. I feel numb."

The crash happened outside the Sandvik plant. Mrs Foster, 32, said her husband left their home in Cotterills Road at about 7pm and she started getting worried at about 9.30pm.

"I called him six or seven times – he had a headset so he can speak while riding – but he did not answer," she said.

Childhood

Police then came to the house and informed Mrs Foster of the tragedy.

"It was his new hobby," she said. "He had always wanted one. A lot of his friends had them. He used to drive it to work and back, he had been on road trips to Wales."

Mr and Mrs Foster were childhood friends. They had known each other more than 20 years and attended Churchfields High School in West Bromwich together.

Mr Foster was the oldest of three brothers. He had started a new job as a HGV driver for Allied Bakeries in West Bromwich six weeks ago. Before then he was doing agency work.

The couple had lived in Cotterills Road since 2004. "He was a genuinely good man," she said.

"He enjoyed being on his bike. His cousin said he used to grin like a Cheshire cat when he was on it."

Show off driver jailed for fatal bridge crash

A TEENAGE drink-driver who reached speeds of 80mph before smashing his Vauxhall Corsa into a wall, killing his friend, has been locked up for four years.

Ahlack Rahman was flung from Asad Ali's car as it became 'airborne' after approaching a humpback bridge at speed. In the minutes before the deadly smash on Dudley Port Road in Tipton, Ali had been 'showing off' to his passengers by overtaking other motorists, a court heard.

Tragedy at the humpback bridge between Groveland Road and Fisher Street at 12.40am on September 10.

Ali had been drinking vodka at a party earlier while celebrating his sister's marriage and was slightly over the drink-drive limit, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

Prosecutor Mr Iain Willis said 18-year-old Ali had been at a gathering in Kates Hill and had left with friends, including Mr Rahman, to get some food.

Seatbelt

As the convoy of three vehicles headed towards Netherton, the defendant started driving 'erratically', said Mr Willis. Passengers told Ali to slow down and there were concerns about Mr Rahman not wearing a seatbelt.

Mr Willis added: "The defendant accelerated to 50-60mph on a 30mph road, driving on the opposite side of the road to avoid speed camera detection. He drove at 80mph through two sets of lights.

"CCTV shows an average speed of 63mph between the traffic lights and canal bridge. He did not brake as he approached the bridge."

Ali, now of Chairborough Road, High Wycombe, formerly of Kates Hill, admitted death by dangerous driving and driving with excess alcohol. Three hours after the crash, he had 87mg of alcohol per 100ml of blood. The limit is 80mg.

Former Castle High School pupil Mr Rahman died from his injuries at hospital.

Work starts on huge revamp

Robert Mottram from A&H Construction and Developments and Queens Square centre manager Melvin Glasby

WORK has started on the multi-million pound refurbishment of West Bromwich's Queen's Square shopping centre.

Fairacre, acting on behalf of Queen's Square owners, has selected A&H Construction & Developments plc (A&H) as the contractor for the scheme.

Now work is under way. Planning permission to revitalise the centre which opened in 1971 was granted late last year.

The refurbishment design incorporates a glazed atrium entrance off the High Street, daylight flooding into airy malls, fresh public toilets as well as lifts and escalators linking with the New Square Shopping Centre.

Melvin Glasby, Queen's Square centre manager, said: "Queen's Square has waited a long time for this refurbishment.

Experience

"Following a competitive tender process, A&H stood out for both their experience and commitment to a top specification. Over the coming months, any disruption will be temporary because we're transforming the centre, mall by mall."

Queen's Square shopping centre will remain open throughout its makeover and will keep visitors up-to-date on its progression through the website, twitter and facebook pages as well as a shopper newsletter.

Robert Mottram, director at Halesowen based A&H, added: "We are delighted to partner with Queen's Square on its refurbishment."

Preliminary works started in May and one of the first priorities of the build programme will be demolishing the High Street entrance to make way for the new glazed atrium.

Soap stars to help group at relaunch

A CHARITY will be officially relaunched with the help of two soap stars.

Bosses at The Kaleidoscope Plus Group, formerly Sandwell Mind, have invited Emmerdale actors Jeff Hordley and Zoe Henry, who play Cain Dingle and Rhona Goskirk, to help them celebrate their new name and base at a launch event today (Thursday).

Support

The charity, based at Hawthorns House in West Bromwich, works across the Black Country to offer support on mental health issues.

Kaleidoscope Plus chief executive Monica Shafaq said: "A new name and branding was obviously essential and we feel that it now fully represents what we want our charity to stand for and the services we provide. The Kaleidoscope Plus Group represents change."

There will be a tour of the new facilities on launch day.

Libraries HQ gets revamp

THE new home of Sandwell special library service has been officially opened following a £200,000 revamp.

The borough's mobile library service and the early years library service has moved from Crosswells Road, Langley, to a new base in Harvest Road.

The Langley site is due to be transformed into a £5.6 million 'super surgery' which will bring four doctors' surgeries together under one roof.

The former Harvest Road Day Centre has relocated to another site to provide the new library service site.

Sandwell's deputy council leader, Councillor Mahboob Hussain opened the HQ saying: "The new premises have up-to-date facilities that are necessary for these vital services to operate efficiently for residents and children in the borough."

He added that this showed the commitment to protect frontline services despite cutbacks.

Brass in park

FAMILIES can attend a brass band concert in Oldbury later this month.

Halesowen Brass Band will be showing off their skills at Barnford Hill Park in Moat Road, on June 23, from 2.30pm until 4.30pm. Tipton Community Association is providing a marquee.

Business hub to be created at landmark

BLACK Country-based property company Bond Wolfe is to expand and create jobs when it moves into the landmark former headquarters of the West Bromwich Building Society, when the society moves into its new home at nearby Providence Place.

The property company bought the premises in West Bromwich High Street last year and will rename it Society House.

Talks

Bond Wolfe managing partner James Mattin said: "We are already in talks with a number of firms about leasing space with us there.

"We want this to become a real iconic flagship at the heart of West Bromwich.

"We believe we will deliver Society House as a perfect building for established companies to base themselves at for many years to come."

NEWS in brief

Lucky escape from barbecue fumes

FOUR women and a two-year-old had a lucky escape from the potentially fatal effects of carbon monoxide gas poisoning after having a barbecue inside their flat.

Ambulance and fire crews went to the eighth-floor of Alfred Gunn House in Thompson Road, Langley Green, Oldbury, just after 9pm on Monday after the group reported they were feeling unwell.

A fire spokesman said: "Carbon monoxide was generated by the use of a disposable barbecue inside the property. We would encourage people to have barbecues outside."

Motorcyclist dies after collapsing

A MOTORCYCLIST died of a suspected heart attack on a roadside in Tipton after pulling over when he felt unwell.

Paramedics were called to Hurst Lane in Tipton at 1.50pm on Sunday and originally thought the man had hit a wall near the junction with Sedgley Road West.

But it later emerged that the man, thought to be in his 50s or 60s and from Bloxwich, had rested his bike against the wall and then collapsed.

Scrapyard hit by a second blaze

SIX cars were destroyed in a suspicous fire at a scrapyard on Lath Lane, Smethwick, hit for the second time on Monday just before midnight, after a devastating attack on May 23. Fire crews from Smethwick and West Bromwich were alerted by a passing police car, and were able to contain the blaze.

There has been a spate of suspected arson attacks on scrapyards recently, including a major fire in Smethwick (see front page).

Town hall to host cider celebration

WEST Bromwich Town Hall will host the first West Midlands regional cider and perry festival run by the Campaign for Real Ale. The event is planned for September 6 and 7 from noon to 10.30pm each day.

It will feature more than 120 ciders and perries from all over the UK as well as real ales. Admission will be £2.50 or £1.50 for Camra members. For more details see www.westmidlandsciderandperryfestival.co.uk

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

AND off to that great English institution, the agricultural show, where townies gawp at what goes on in the countryside. I had great sympathy for the line of pedigree rams who waited nervously for a judge to reach between their hind legs and squeeze their testicles. They reacted exactly as you would expect by trying to leap out of the ring. You don't see that sort of thing at the Mr Universe competition.

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THE one thing missing from our local show was that essential part of modern life, a punch-up. Whacking total strangers for no particular reason, preferably in front of terrified children, is very fashionable. In the last few days alone, a village dog show in Kent descended into screaming matches and fist fights with punches being thrown at teenage volunteers. Some folk objected to their pooches not getting rosettes while others were unhappy at the parking arrangements. There was a punch-up, too, at the gates of an infant school in Cornwall. A row which began between two mothers escalated to the point where police had to use pepper spray to arrest a man who was attacking a woman.

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A READER tells me he was waiting at the lights when the car in front suddenly reversed into his car. The other driver was contrite and polite, exchanged details and said: "Don't report it to your insurance company; just send me the bill." Next thing he knew was that the other driver was claiming my reader had driven into him, causing him whiplash. To his fury, his insurer is proposing to settle what sounds like a deliberately staged incident on a 50:50 basis.

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IF YOU think Britain's had a property crash, consider the apartment spotted for sale by a reader just back from Menorca. It has been reduced from 230,000 euros to 100,000 euros.

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WE are presumably supposed to be horrified or amused at the survey showing that some children think fish fingers contain chicken, and that cheese comes from plants. So here's one for us grown-ups. Question: what are hamburgers made of? Answer: we'll tell you when we get the DNA results.

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SLEAZE in Parliament is like dust under the sofa. You suspect it's there all the time but you're still shocked at the quantity. As cash-for-questions raises its ugly head again, isn't it time for constituency associations to get a grip? They are the local party committees who select prospective MPs to represent the interests of local people. They hope their new MP will rage in Westminster against the disgraceful housing conditions on the Slagthorpe Estate. Instead, he is suddenly asking suspiciously well-informed questions in the House about Moldavian gold mines, Moroccan fishing-tackle imports and subsidies to veal producers in Iceland. Alarm bells should ring. The constituency association should then summon its MP and ask what the hell he's playing at, who's paying him and how does he fancy being deselected?

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BAD news for anyone hoping to boldly go where no man has gone before. Nasa has calculated that the long space flight to Mars could expose astronauts to high levels of radiation which could cause cancer. Imagine the compensation they might have to pay. Dan Dare defeated the Mekon and Dr Who saw off the Daleks but mankind's real-life exploration of space may come to a juddering halt in an adventure called Nasa and the No Win/No Fee Lawyers.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Threat to £1m birthing centre

MORE than 100 babies have been born at a £1 million birthing centre in Sandwell in its first year, but staffing pressures led to its occasional closure, a report has revealed.

Bosses at the Halcyon Birthing Centre are concerned that the number of mothers opting to use the centre is falling. In the first three months of this year five mothers gave birth at the centre compared with 30 in the same period last year.

The centre was opened following the closure of Sandwell Hospital's maternity unit, and if medically safe to do so parents can opt in to give birth at the Oldbury Road centre.

A report states that 119 babies were born at the centre between November 2011 and March 2013. The numbers using the centre peaked between April and September but since then the numbers giving birth at the centre dropped.

The report notes that when there are staffing pressures at the centre or at the other Sandwell and West Birmingham Trust maternity units bosses have taken the decision to close the centre. During closures mothers were offered either a home birth or a space at the Serenity Birthing Unit at City Hospital.

In a bid to stop the closures centre bosses have put into place an alternative staffing mode.

Sandwell and West Birmingham hospitals Trust spokeswoman Vanya Rogers said: "The unit is opened specifically for pregnant women who call to advise us that they are in labour, and staff meet them at Halcyon.

"However, on a few occasions we have been unable to open it due to staffing issues and have had to accommodate our mums-to-be in other locations."

Tributes pour in as Lee loses battle with cancer

TRIBUTES have been paid to a much-loved Black Country comedian, originally from Wednesbury, who has died aged 74.

Lee Wilson was a regular on the local comedy circuit and passed away just four weeks after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. The grandfather and great-grandfather, whose real name was Geoff Beards, leaves behind wife Sheila and children Tracy, Lee and Debbie.

Speaking at their home in Pedmore, where the couple lived for more than 30 years, his widow Mrs Beards, aged 72, said: "He was the most wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great-grand father.

"He had a heart as big as a bucket. Whenever there was a problem he was always first on the phone."

Mr Wilson's showbusiness career started in the 1950s as a guitarist-vocalist. In 1957, while on active service, he formed a band entertaining the troops.

Lee Wilson with legendary Norman Wisdom

Clean

He turned professional in 1973 and went on to win New Faces in 1976 and starred on The Comedians television show. He was a familiar face at the Black Country Night Out evenings.

One memorable night, Mr Wilson surprised punters at The Fox in Lye by performing alongside TV star Tom O'Connor to raise money for a customer who had been burgled.

O'Connor had been staying at the couple's home while in pantomime at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre. Mrs Beards said: "One of the customers had been burgled and Lee said 'It's a damn shame. We'll put a bit of a night on and raise some money'."

Customers were amazed when Mr O'Connor, who earlier that night had been performing at The Grand, was introduced onto the stage by her husband.

A talented angler, Mr Wilson was also a popular after-dinner speaker and in 1991 he was invited to join the Variety Club of Great Britain Golfing Society, where he mixed with showbusiness celebrities and raised thousands of pounds for charity.

Mr Wilson, who lived in Tipton before moving to Pedmore, mixed with stars including Frankie Vaughan, Norman Wisdom and boxing champion Henry Cooper.

"Henry Cooper would ring and say 'hello mate, is your dad there,'" said son Lee. "Answering the phone to those sort of people just became the norm."

Jake Elcock, who founded Wombourne-based Elcock Entertainments, which represented Mr Wilson, was a friend for 40 years. He said: "He was a lovely bloke."

In 2006 Mr Wilson performed with friend of more than 60 years, and former Sandwell mayor, Bill Archer at a fundraiser at Wednesbury Conservative Club.

Mr Archer said : "The people of the Midlands will know him and he was such a wonderful man. He will be sadly missed."

Choir is hitting the right notes

Front, musical director Deborah Watson with the Seasons of Love Choir ahead of the finals of the TeenStar competition

A YOUTH choir is gearing up for its biggest gig after making it through to the final of a national singing competition.

Langley-based Seasons of Love, or SOL choir, won through the regional finals of the TeenStar competition at an event in Huddersfield last month.

They have now secured a place in the national final on July 7 being held at London's 02. The group, made up of 18 singers aged 13 to 22, will perform to hundreds of people competing with around 20 other acts to try to win a £5,000 grand prize.

The choir's musical director Deborah Watson said: "I'm so proud we have made it this far in the competition."

After-school club wins praise

AN after-school club has been rated good by education watchdog Ofsted.

Inspectors who visited St Mary Magdalene Primary School's Breakfast and After School Club found it meets the need of the youngsters, cares for their well being and is effectively managed.

Inspector Jasvinder Kaur found that the children felt safe and secure and enjoyed their time in a friendly and stimulating environment where staff are sensitive to their needs.

There are currently 26 children, aged four years to 11, on the roll and the club is open Mondays to Fridays from 8am to 9am and 3.30pm to 5pm during school term time.

Mrs Kaur also found there was a good balance of adult-led and child-initiated activities and the children were well behaved.

One area accounts for half of all raids

AROUND half of all police raids on homes in Sandwell in the past year have been carried out in the Princes End area of Tipton.

Records show officers swooped on homes and businesses in Princes End 46 times in the past 12 months out of approximately 90 raids in total across the whole of the borough.

The majority of the raids were for drugs warrants, while others included theft warrants and raids in partnership with trading standards.

Intelligence

Tipton neighbourhood Sergeant Steph Court said it was hard to pinpoint why there was a high volume of raids in the area but her team receives a lot of intelligence about potential offenders.

She said: "We carry out intelligence-based action. I get probably two pieces of intelligence every single day, which may or may not lead to warrants.

"We have never had a warrant refused because we've always had sufficient evidence."

Sgt Court said the team was also doing all it could in the fight against drugs on Tipton streets.

Minister tours waste station

MINISTER for local government Brandon Lewis has been given a tour of Sandwell's new waste station.

The MP paid a visit to the borough last week and was given a whistle-stop tour of the waste transfer station in Eagle Lane, Tipton, as well as the new Sandwell Council and Serco partnership offices in Shidas Lane, Oldbury.

In 2012 Serco was appointed by Sandwell Council to deliver its waste, recycling and street cleansing services, and since then the partnership has overseen a number of improvements. Household recycling rates in the borough have risen from 39 per cent to around 50 per cent.

Dancing for joy

FITNESS enthusiasts in Sandwell can master their dance floor moves thanks to a £10,000 grant. Sandwell Leisure Trust is running a range of dance sessions at centres across the borough.

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Swim for free bid to fight the flab

CHILDREN and over-60s in Sandwell could be offered free swimming in a new bid to tackle obesity.

The council is considering the move as more than a quarter of Year 6 children in the borough are classed as obese.

The scheme also aims to boost the number of adults exercising, with council figures showing that 41 per cent do not take part in any physical activity.

Only 19.7 per cent of adults complete at least five 30-minute sessions of activity a week, which is the recommended amount.

Inactivity

At present, the health costs of inactivity in Sandwell are estimated at £4.5 million a year, at the least, and rising.

If councillors give the go-ahead to the proposals, at a meeting being held last night (Wednesday), then free swimming could be on offer as early as this summer.

The offer would be open to those who are Sandwell residents aged 16 or under, during all public swimming sessions in school holiday periods, and to adults aged 60 and over during public swimming sessions before 1pm all year.

Hospital is to take on career base

HOSPITAL chiefs have agreed to take on a former neighbourhood office in Cape Hill for five years as a base to provide information on employment in the NHS.

The Learning Works, based in the former Cape Hill Neighbourhood Office in Smethwick, has been providing support to members of the community and career development advice to NHS staff since before Christmas.

Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospital Trust bosses have now agreed to lease the building for five years. They will pay a peppercorn rent up to and including 2014 and after that they will pay £16,200 per year.

The location was deliberately chosen for its place in the heart of the community but also for its proximity to the site of the new Midland Metropolitan Hospital site.

College principal to retire now project complete

Retiring – Val Bailey

THE principal of Sandwell College has announced that she will retire after 10 years at the helm – in the midst of its controversial plans to turn The Public art gallery into a sixth form.

Val Bailey was originally drafted in to turn the college's fortunes around a decade ago, and oversaw the transfer of staff and pupils to a £77 million campus on Spon Lane.

She was at the forefront of campaigning to secure Government funding in 2009. It became one of only 13 colleges out of 200 nationwide shortlisted for capital funding. Her last day in charge will be September 30.

She said: "On October 1 this year I will have had the privilege to have been principal and chief executive of Sandwell College for 10 years.

Experiences

"Those years have afforded me the most amazing range of experiences of my life.

"I have had the luxury of working with what I consider to be the most talented group of staff and senior managers in the further education sector.

"At times it has felt as if there was no end to the journey but here we are in the most stunning college building in the sector.

"Having achieved as much as we have, I believe that it is time for me to leave Sandwell and hand over this amazing role to a new principal."

Miss Bailey added that she was also looking forward to seeing the college's future plans come to fruition, including the development of the new Health Futures University Technical College in West Bromwich, which would cater for 600 pupils, and the potential transformation of The Public.

The principal said although the decision to leave had been 'very difficult', she had always planned to retire once the new college was well established.

Current vice principal Scott Upton has said the number of A-level and AS-level students would double if Sandwell College's sixth form took over the £72 million gallery in New Street.

Toilet to let... will have to spend more than a penny

VANDAL-HIT former public toilets in West Bromwich are being advertised for let and could be transformed into a new business premises.

Wolverhampton-based Futures Estate Agents is advertising the Jervoise Lane block, which used to be managed by Sandwell Council, on its website for £215 per month.

The block has been closed for more than seven years after constant vandalism and anti-social behaviour.

But Futures spokesman Martin Tang today said the building could be transformed into a successful business if someone had the money to invest.

"The owners purchased the property a few years ago," he said. "They have never been inside. It's been sealed off for a few years.

Convert

"There is potential there to convert if someone had the money. But it will take quite a lot of renovation work."

The toilets were closed after people living in and around Jervoise Lane complained about gangs of yobs hanging around at night. At one point a petition with 89 names was handed to the council demanding the facilities were closed.

But there was also a counter-petition that argued shoppers needed a toilet in the area.

The current owner of the toilets acquired them through auction about six months ago.

Sandwell Council sold them for £10,000.

Sandwell's neighbourhoods councillor Mahboob Hussain said he would welcome any move to bring the building back into use.

"I have seen schemes where toilets are brought back into use and it can be very successful," he said.

"There is a very good example in London where a toilet was transformed into a restaurant.

"It shows it can be done and can brighten up an area."

There have also been talks about bringing vandal-plagued public toilets in Bearwood back into use, partly as a delicatessen.

Romelu makes fan's dream come true

Albion player Romelu Lukaku meets young Belgian fan Dorian at a meeting that was made possible by Make a Wish Foundation

WEST Bromwich Albion favourite Romelu Lukaku made a lasting impression on more than just The Hawthorns faithful during his year on loan at the club.

The Belgium international made 10-year-old Dorian Therain's dream to watch him in action come true when Albion entertained Wigan last month, thanks to charity Make-A-Wish Foundation UK.

Dorian, who lives in Belgium, suffers from muscle-wasting disease Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and has lost the ability to walk, spending hours watching football on TV.

The charity joined forces with West Bromwich Albion to enable Dorian to attend a Baggies match and meet his idol.

Make-A-Wish flew Dorian and his father David over from Belgium, and they travelled to The Hawthorns in a limousine.

After the game, Dorian's big moment arrived when Lukaku emerged from the players' tunnel to meet him and hand over his match boots and a signed ball.

Charity spokeswoman Joanne Mickleright, whose team worked with the club to organise Dorian's special day, said: "Dorian had an absolutely fantastic time and couldn't stop smiling. He was delighted with the gifts Romelu gave him.

"There are currently 20,000 children and young people in the UK fighting a life-threatening condition and this year Make-A-Wish will grant more than 1,100 wishes.

"The charity needs to raise £7 million in 2013 to achieve this and receives no Government funding or lottery grants."

NEWS in brief

Portable buildings are gutted by blaze

SEVEN portable buildings were gutted in an arson attack in Wednesbury. Vandals targeted Elliott Hire yard, off Shaw Street, containing hundreds of the buildings last week.

Three fire engines were called by residents who spotted the plumes of smoke bellowing into the sky at 11.30pm on Sunday, June 2.

Firefighter Phil Richards said: "It was a really hard fire to put out. The buildings were metal framed but the bases were made of wood. It took a long time to get it under control."

"We are looking at stepping up security," said Elliott's marketing and communications manager Rod Hepper.

Top apprentices in test at college

THE best painting and decorating students in the country were descending on West Bromwich this week for a battle of the brushes to find the decorating apprentice of the year.

Contestants were travelling from as far afield as Aberdeen and Plymouth for the two-day contest at Sandwell College's new £77 million central campus on Spon Lane.

Regional heat winners from nine colleges and the highest-scoring runner-up were using the college's purpose-built training bays

Bumper sales for Sir Alex special

WEST Bromwich Albion's bumper edition programme to commemorate Sir Alex Ferguson's retirement has been hailed the 'most successful of recent times,' with almost four times the usual number of copies sold.

The club typically sells around 9,000 programmes each match at a cost of £3 each.

But Baggies bosses say the £4 programme produced on the last day of the season achieved sales of almost 35,000 – raking in £140,000 for the Hawthorns club.

Law firm move in

LEGAL firm Paul & Co, which specialises in criminal law, has leased a unit on the first floor of Victoria House on the corner of High Street, West Bromwich, in a deal put together by agents Bond Wolfe.

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NEWS FEATURE

IN MY VIEW WITH MARK ANDREWS

GOOD to see new Wolves coach Kenny Jackett will be giving the home-grown players a chance following his appointment to the Molineux hot seat.

"I always look for young and hungry players," said Jackett as his first press conference in charge. He is in good company. Last year, following a shaky start to the season, Aston Villa manager Paul Lambert explained his youth-first policy.

"I know that when you get really hungry players they can take you a long way, that's what we will try to do. If you don't have that hunger as a footballer, there's no point playing the game."

Similarly, on announcing the signing of left-back Joe Bennett, Lambert told the assembled media: "Joe's a really good player, young and hungry to succeed and he's exactly the type of player we want here."

Not to be outdone, West Bromwich Albion's Steve Clarke explained the philosophy behind their continued status as the top dogs in the West Midlands.

"The players have the hunger," he said.

One can only assume that the burger vans outside their respective grounds must be doing a roaring trade. Meanwhile, in other news, Wolves, Albion and Villa are embroiled in a £15 million bidding war for the young-and-hungry Oliver Twist.

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STUDENT Ben Cronin claims he was refused a job as a punt tout on Cambridge's famous riverboats because he wasn't good looking enough.

"I went to speak to the man running the boats, but when I asked about a job, he laughed, saying: 'Sorry, mate, you have to be good looking to do this job'," said the 20-year-old psychology student. Sounds like they didn't like his boat race.

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SORRY, but I can't buy into all the conspiracy theories about the Bilderberg conference, where the political leaders of Europe and North America are supposed to have spent the weekend discussing their plans for world domination.

First of all, look at the guest list. Ken Clarke, Peter Mandelson. Ed Balls and George Osborne. Could you honestly see that lot successfully organising a social event in a brewery, yet alone some dark and sinister plot to take over the world?

Secondly, there's the venue. A 'luxury hotel in Watford'. No disrespect to Watford, but it all sounds a bit Alan Partridge, doesn't it?

Yes, we know David Icke thinks they are all descended from lizards from the constellation Draco, and we should always be grateful for his constructive and interesting contributions to the debate.

But the former Coventry City goalie's contribution aside, I don't think I will be losing too much sleep over the summit.

Stall helper Gwen Barnett with David Smart, Yvonne Smart and Cathy Glear

The Midlands Air Ambulance have benefited from the sisters' knitting skills

Blanket coverage for Air Ambulance

Two sisters use their knitting skills to help the charity. **CHARLOTTTE LILLEY** finds out why they do it

YVONNE Smart, and Cathy Glear are familiar faces at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital and are a friendly sight for patients and staff who look forward to their visits.

The sisters run a stall in the entrance of the hospital once a month, selling blankets, baby clothes, scarves, shawls and other garments they have knitted or crocheted.

All the money they raise goes towards Midlands Air Ambulance and since 2009, the two have collected a staggering £37,000.

"Our passion for knitting all began when we were little girls. We would watch Blue Peter on the TV and there would be someone knitting," says Mrs Smart, from Kingswinford.

Wrap

"Our mother taught us how to do it properly and since then we haven't stopped. Cathy and I have always enjoyed arts and crafts and were always doing something to keep ourselves busy when we were younger.

"But knitting and crochet is what we do best and over the years we have made hundreds of things from blankets to baby clothes.

"At Russells Hall there is a maternity ward and new mothers love to come and see what we are selling for them to wrap their newborn babies in."

Mrs Smart, aged 55, used to work in a shop but now spends as much time as possible knitting garments for family and friends as well as the stall.

Her 59-year-old sister, from Netherton, who works as a foster mother, uses any free time she has to teach the craft to the children in her care. Mrs Smart says:

Yvonne Smart, right, with her husband David and her sister, Catherine Glear

"We rarely have any spare time because we are both always really busy, but when we do you can bet that we will be holding a pair of knitting needles."

"It is really simple to learn how to knit and once you've mastered it, it's like riding a bike, you never forget.

"I think knitting is becoming even more popular now and a number of celebrities have also started to take it up, including Geri Halliwell, Russell Crowe and the Duchess of Cambridge.

"It just goes to show that you can be any age and still enjoy it and make a truly unique garment." The rise of the internet and the increasing popularity of YouTube has meant it is much easier for people to learn how to knit.

And according to figures from the UK Hand Knitting Association, around four million women and almost half a million men have an interest in knitting and want to learn the craft.

"We have people come to us and ask us for tips. Cathy and I have both helped lots of people learn to knit over the years. I think it is very therapeutic," says Mrs Smart. "It is very satisfying being able to make something from scratch that will be made of good strong quality and will last for years.

"Just knowing that there is nothing on the high street that looks remotely similar is fantastic.

"My favourite thing to make is scarves and I am about to start making some for Christmas. Scarves aren't too difficult and you can use wild and wacky patterns for a bold effect.

"Cathy has made scarves with little pockets for some of her foster children and we have made lots of pretty things in the past for peoples birthdays.

"We have got a fantastic backing from our family and lots of people tell us how wonderful our creations are which is lovely to hear."

Because of the high demand for their products, the sisters are running out of wool and are desperately appealing for more.

Wool

A team of 23 volunteers helps them to knit and sell their products at the hospital in aid of Midlands Air Ambulance and the two are now also making a plea to the public to donate any unwanted craft items, such as beads, buttons, broken jewellery and unwanted gifts.

"We always need wool and unwanted items so if any members of the public have any to give to us then we would be more than grateful," says Mrs Smart.

"We are truly passionate about the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity and really enjoy knitting, so we thought selling our knitted goods was the perfect way to fundraise for the service.

"We support the Air Ambulance because it is a marvellous charity that receives no government funding and relies completely on public support.

"If people could help us to continue to support them by donating that would mean a lot to us."

Anyone wanting to donate wool or find out more about supporting the charity should visit www.midlandsairambulance.com or call 0800 840 2040.

THROUGH THE YEARS

1983...

LABOUR MP Renee Short held on to her Wolverhampton North-East seat by the skin of her teeth in the General Election. After two dramatic recounts Mrs Short saw her majority of more than 6,000 slashed to just 214.

CHARLIE, the beer-swilling parrot, was feeling blue after his owner called time on his use of foul language. Licensee Jim Willetts vowed to clean up Charlie's bawdy banter after customers complained at The Swan in Amblecote.

PUPILS from Uplands Junior School in Finchfield were left upset after their visit to the House of Commons was called off due to the General Election. But they cheered up when the Queen invited them to see the State opening of Parliament procession from the grounds of Buckingham Palace.

1993...

A FLOWER arranger from Wordsley won a top international award for her traditional arrangement of fresh flowers. Elaine Williams came first in her class at the World Association of Flower Arrangers championships in Canada.

WALSALL swimmer Nick Gillingham produced his fastest ever 100m backstroke swim at the European trials in Sheffield. It was his first competitive race since winning the 200m bronze medal at the Barcelona Olympics.

POOR weather failed to dampen the enthusiasm of competitors at a Penkridge school's It's A Knockout-style tournament. Pupils at Penkridge Middle School raised more than £500 for school funds after taking on obstacles such as the Killer Hill water slide.

2003...

A WOLVERHAMPTON grandfather was preparing to fly to Puerto Rico for a world championship after smashing a British sprinting record at the age of 75. Alan Meddings, of Tettenhall, sliced a full second off the previous over-75s world record for the 100m at the British Championships in Derby.

MORE than 1,000 of Wolverhampton's 27,000 street lights were replaced over a 12-month period. The move came as part of a renewal programme to help reduce residents' fear of crime.

WOLVES chairman Sir Jack Hayward celebrated his 80th birthday at a family reunion, but said his best present was the club's promotion to the Premier League. Sir Jack said he still would not believe his team were in the top flight until he got to see the fixture list.

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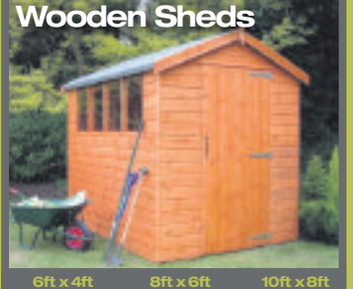
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LETTERS

Old king coal becomes a curse

CHARTED and uncharted mine shafts are the blight of development in both house building and new industrial sites.

In an economy which is flatlining, every additional expense that detracts from the potential for growth must be of concern.

Government either national, regional or at local level, has failed to come to terms with the costly legacy of our mining industries. Hectares of land lies neglected as a result of mines and pollutants that were not necessarily regulated or recorded in days gone by.

Government has failed to come to terms with the investment required in the Black Country to research, locate, and cap mines. Polluted land has been left to waste away or fails to attract development interest.

A new plan is needed to tackle investment and remediation. Where is the initiative to come from? The silence from Government is deafening. Until we have the impetus to change this appalling inaction and collective apathy, coal's costly legacy will continue to blight our communities.

A national approach is needed. One that prioritises the blighted communities.

Solutions are more likely to be found if we involve work with all levels of Government and the private sector. It is time for a fresh approach.

Generations of local people made the Black Country famous, when 'coal was king'. Now generations of local people are suffering from land blight. Mines and poisons are making us paupers.

We need our generation to rise to this challenge with renewed vigour and innovation.

DOUG JAMES
Horton Street
Walsall

Food bank a sad sign of decline

I HAVE a great admiration for the people who feel the need for the opening and running of 'The Well' food bank in Tipton due to the 'economic downturn'. They must realise what a mess we are in.

I am not sad about it opening and hopefully it will be a benefit to people who need it, but sad that there is a need for one.

Surely there is someone who should realise that we are going backwards and there are genuine people who are trying so hard and are expected to live on a pittance and live on the poverty line.

There is still a steady flow of people arriving in to the country so when is it going to upturn and be a prosperous country again?

Are we really turning in to a Third World country?

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Family, faith and friends so vital

I SUFFER from a chronic form of Leukaemia. It did stabilise from last August until March then reared its ugly head again. Having a new treatment it seems to be doing the trick again, touch wood.

I must thank every single person from receptionists to consultants at Sandwell Hospital. They always smile, are very polite and make my unpleasant visits more bearable even though they are under great pressure themselves, as are the Macmillan nurses who are so kind and helpful.

As a stranger, I now feel one of the family, So, to anyone who has a bad experience at hospital, think of the 99 per cent good experience these people give back.

The three things that are very important to me now more than ever the three Fs – family, faith and friends.

To all cancer sufferers out there, always keep these three Fs in mind on your bad days.

G MONNES
Tipton

Cost of freedom

THIS is a free country, of free speech but not policing, that comes at a cost, to us taxpayers. Recent figures for policing demonstrations have cost £261,117, to West Midlands Police Force, at a time the force has to make savings of £126m by 2015.

The English Defence League cost West Midlands Police £162,647 for a demonstration in Centenary Square, Birmingham, on 29/10/11 and a further £14, 840 on 26/1/13, plus £83,630 at a demonstration in Walsall on 29/9/12.

Councils should make organisations put up a bond to police these events, before allowing them permission, with the clause that if there is any law-breaking the bond would be forfeited in favour of the cost of policing. Councils need to implement these conditions on demonstrators now, before we end up with a bankrupt police force.

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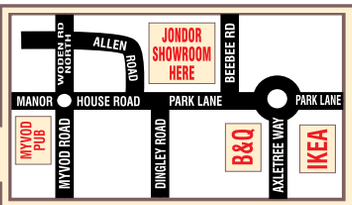

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NEWS

Petition bid to persuade firm over lorries

Councillors Liz Giles and Olwen Jones with the petition protesting about lorries parked in Dial Lane, West Bromwich

MORE than 100 people have signed a petition calling on a West Bromwich food firm to stop their lorry drivers from parking in residential streets.

Residents in Dial Lane say they regularly see up to seven articulated lorries parked in their road outside the 2 Sisters Food Group factory. As well as blocking the view of pedestrians, the lorries cause traffic congestion and the drivers of the vehicles often leave rubbish behind, say residents.

Wednesbury South councillor Olwen Jones said: "This has been an ongoing problem and I know the residents have complained to 2 Sisters but nothing has been done.

"The large articulated lorries are there every day along the road. These are not small vans but really large lorries that should be in a proper lorry park."

Spokesperson for 2 Sisters Food Group, Hazel Beberidge, said: "This is the first time we have heard about the issue.

"But now it has been raised we will look into the problem."

Masked carjacker who terrified carer is jailed

A MASKED robber who bundled a terrified woman out of her car and drove off in the vehicle has been jailed for six years.

Ricky Butler struck as the 57-year-old carer called to check the address of her next appointment, a judge heard.

The engine of the parked car was running when Butler suddenly appeared alongside it in Glebefields Road, Tipton, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

Mr Mark Phillips, prosecuting, said: "The driver's door was opened by a man wearing a hoodie who had his face covered. He unclipped the seatbelt of the woman who was very scared. He grabbed her by the collar and tried to pull her out.

"She resisted but he used increasing amounts of strength to remove her."

Struck

Her head repeatedly struck the door frame before she was tugged out and left on the ground as Butler drove off at 6pm on February 21. The victim flagged down a driver, who alerted police, the court heard.

Officers spotted the stolen car in nearby Tame Road. Butler, 24, was found in a house and was forensically linked to the stolen car, Mr Phillips said.

Father-of-one Butler, of Sycamore Road, Tipton, admitted robbery and driving while disqualified. He had 15 previous convictions for robbery, attempted robbery and assault with intent to rob. He had been banned from the roads for drink-driving and was on bail for an unrelated assault when he stole the car, the court was told.

Mr Jasvir Mann, defending, said: "He has a predilection to the use of alcohol."

Butler was sent to prison and banned from driving for a further four years.

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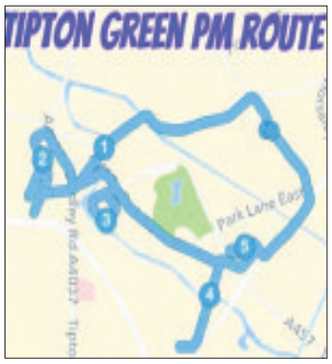
NEWS

Using Twitter to follow bobbies out on the beat

Sgt David Rogers shows the route on his mobile phone



The route followed in the afternoon

A SCHEME to allow people to keep tabs on police patrol routes has been launched.

Officers are using a mobile phone app called Endomondo to track their movements in Tipton. They are then posting maps and photographs of where they have been on Twitter.

Pc John Tranter is being tracked over four-days initially and, if this is successful, the idea could be rolled out elsewhere in the region.

He said: "It's not a live system – we don't want to give criminals a heads up about where we are. The app is used to track our movements and then at the end of the day people can see what we have been doing."

Families logging on to Tipton Green Police's twitter page have been able to see Pc Tranter's patrol routes.

Police spokeswoman Kate Baker said: "We've had lots of positive feedback on Twitter. Followers went up a lot on the local account during the day."

The Track-a-Cop scheme is the brainchild of the team's Sgt Dave Rogers, who came up with the idea after residents complained they rarely see officers in their streets.

He said: "Sometimes residents tell us they never see us patrolling their street but often in reality it simply means they've not been around at the same time as us.

Provides

"I spoke to one resident recently who said he couldn't remember the last time he saw a beat bobby yet Pcs had patrolled his street three times that day.

"We work closely with local community and their issues and concerns are important to us. Track-a-Cop provides an exciting opportunity for the public to see where we have been on our patrols using social media.

"Our mission 'you said, we did, we listened' is embedded into the way we police our neighbourhood. Track-a-Cop has been developed as a direct result of us responding to the needs of our community. I hope it reassures the public that we are out there on the beat."

Sgt Rogers, from the Tipton Green neighbourhood policing team, said: "The support we have received for Track-a-Cop has been overwhelming. We have had national interest from other police forces, the College of Policing and we've had many enquiries from teams within our force who would like to do something similar.

"More importantly, the feedback we have had from the community has been fantastic. We have significantly increased our followers on Twitter and people are also using Twitter to engage with us."

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NEWS

Capital idea – head off for a pint at The Albion

A PUB named after the owner's beloved West Bromwich Albion and packed to the rafters with memorabilia is set to celebrate its 15th anniversary.

But this pub is not in West Bromwich, or even Oldbury or Wednesbury – it's in the London Borough of Hackney.

A source of bemusement to the locals and now a regular destination on the calendar of fans travelling to Baggies games in the capital, The Albion, in Shoreditch, celebrated its 15th birthday on Saturday with a programme of fun and games for all of the family.

The pub was taken over by lifelong fan Dave Chapman, aged 64, in 1998 and he said he wanted a name that would grab people's attention.

Regulars

He said: "I got in touch with the secretary at West Brom and asked if I could use the name, and they were very happy for me to do so.

"I get a good reaction from Albion fans when they come here. The first time they come they are absolutely gobsmacked.

"One day we were sitting here, and there was an almighty crash outside. It was a lorry driver from Solihull, who had come around the corner, seen the sign, and driven into a lamppost. He still comes in here now."

The pub does get its regulars, as there are around 200 members of the London West Bromwich Albion supporters club, and Dave said the pub is 'deluged' on Baggies away days in the city.

He said: "If they are playing West Ham, Arsenal or Spurs we get ludicrously busy, but if they are playing in London generally everyone likes to come and see the pub. We have some of the coaches come down, and West Midlands Police, so it can be like a circus in here."

Dave has supported the team since he was a teenager, despite not actually being from the Black Country, after he witnessed Albion beat Preston 3-2 in his first game in the 1954 FA Cup final.

"I suppose you would have to call me a Londoner," he said. "My dad was Scottish, so with him it was Celtic or nothing.

"We moved down to London when I was young, and my dad got us tickets for the '54 final. It was the first match I'd ever been to, and it has stuck with me ever since."

Dave Chapman with bar manager Joanne Williams outside The Albion

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Walsall Science and Art Institute, Bradford Place, circa 1896. The building is now being used as offices

The Old Woolpack, a Tudor pub in Walsall High Street, demolished in 1892, replaced by shops

The Grand Theatre, corner of Park Street and Station Street, circa1696. Superdrug stands on the spot today

Peeking into past with town's picture album

by Stuart Williams

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Books like town guides were a matter of civic pride, and these as well as others such as trade directories, albums promoting local places and businesses, and yet more commemorating events, are all worth looking at for that rare historic picture.

One particularly interesting local book is The Walsall Album, published by William Henry Robinson in 1898. It showcases numerous buildings which were already historic in Victorian times. Many have long since disappeared or have changed use and/or appearance today.

Extraordinary

Thanks to Mr Robinson, a prominent local journalis, newspaper editor, printer, publisher, author, astronomer and leading light of the Walsall Literary Institute, some extraordinary images of Walsall, Bloxwich, Rushall and Great Barr have been preserved in his books.

These are through photographs commissioned by him, a few of which, taken by Draycott of Walsall, are reproduced here.

The Walsall Album also offers a fascinating slice of industrial and business life around the town in the many full-page advertisements which alternate with the photographs it reproduces. While Walsall is rightly famous for its saddlery trade, it becomes quickly obvious, when reading this book and others, that it was just one of many in the 'Town of a Hundred Trades'.

Remarkable books such as this and South Staffordshire Illustrated (c1899), Walsall Past and Present (1905), the Walsall Red Books (1872-1939), and more, offer a fascinating insight into how the Victorians saw themselves as well as revealing many sadly lost townscapes. All are waiting for readers to rediscover amongst the thousands of historic volumes preserved in the Local Studies Library at Walsall Local History Centre.

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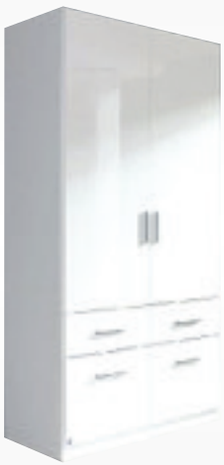

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Lots of fun in the sun as park hosts a bumper town carnival

GLORIOUS weather brought out thousands of revellers from across the Black Country to saok up the sun and the fun at Tipton's annual carnival in the town's Jubilee Park.

The park had all the fun fun of the fair as people got the chance to enjoy candy floss, ice cream and live music at the day-long event, which was celebrating its 47th year of carnival in Tipton.

Attractions also included a five-a-side football tournament and a car boot sale.

Success

Organisers hailed the event a great success, with more than 5,000 people soaking up the carnival atmosphere.

"The event this year has been just as good as previous years," said organiser Karen Sims.

"I would say there are more than 5,000 people here. People have come in droves.

"Everyone is happy, there are people sitting having picnics on the grass – it's a wonderful atmosphere."

The event is usually opened by the newly crowned carnval queen bit ot differed this year after the competition was cancelled due to a lack of interest.

However last year's queen, Bonnie Staines, stepped in to the role once again to officially open the carnival.

Fields of fun – the Pat Collins fun fair ensured the carnival atmosphere at Tipton's sunny Jubilee Park on Saturday

Michael Jones, aged 10, cools off with an ice cream at the carnival

Fairground thrills for these brave visitors to Tipton Carnival

Carnival Queen Bonnie Staines put her tiara back on to open the event

In the swim sessions for toddlers and their parents

IF you are a Sandwell parent aged 25 or under with a child aged three or under, you can join in with new parent and toddler swim sessions at Tipton Leisure Centre.

A fun way to help children build their confidence in the water, the session takes place on Mondays between noon and 1pm.

Each session costs £1, but if you attend seven time or more you can get discounted sessions.

Encourage

Lisa Fitzpatrick, physical activity development officer at Sandwell Leisure Trust, said: "We want to encourage young parents to introduce their children to the water.

"Attending a parent and toddler session can really help a child become used to the water."

Spaces are limited so booking is essential. For more information or to book a place, call Tipton Leisure Centre on 0300 012 0121.

Talking about job changes

ORGANISERS of an event at Tipton Library are looking for trades that are out of fashion or have changed dramatically over the years. A panel of guests will come talk about their jobs for 10 to 15 minutes in front of an invited audience on Thursday, June 20.

For details contact robert_hazel@sandwell.gov.uk via email.

Celebration at store to help charity

A SHOP celebrated its fifth anniversary by raising almost £160 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The Wilkinson store, on Great Bridge Street, held a charity sale featuring a range of bric-a-brac items, homemade cakes and books.

Dawn Jordan, store manager, said: "Over the past five years the store has built up a loyal customer base and we're glad our shoppers were not only able to celebrate our anniversary with us,but also help raise money for this worthwhile cause.

"Our team members really outdid themselves with their baking expertise and the cakes, along with the wide variety of other items on sale, went down a storm. We hope our continued support of Macmillan Cancer Support will help the charity ensure that no one has to face this terrible illness alone."

Man's dental pain led to an £11,000 settlement

A MAN from Tipton has been awarded £11,000 in an out-of-court settlement after claiming a dentist left him in severe pain.

Karl Bevington, 52, sued Dr Kazim Mirza from Tipton Dental Practice after treatment lasting more than six months resulted in him being referred to Birmingham Dental Hospital, suffering from a failing bridge, chronic infection and advanced tooth decay.

Dentists at the hospital recommended immediate removal of two of his teeth.

Mr Bevington, who has spent around £3,000 on dental treatment to rectify the work, has now been awarded the settlement.

The father-of-two from Mytton Grove, who works in a chemical plant, made numerous trips back to the practice and Dr Mirza refitted the bridge twice.

Dr Mirza did not admit liability.

£3m invested in dealership

A KOREAN car manufacturer hopes to has created new jobs as it opens its second West Midlands dealership in Tipton.

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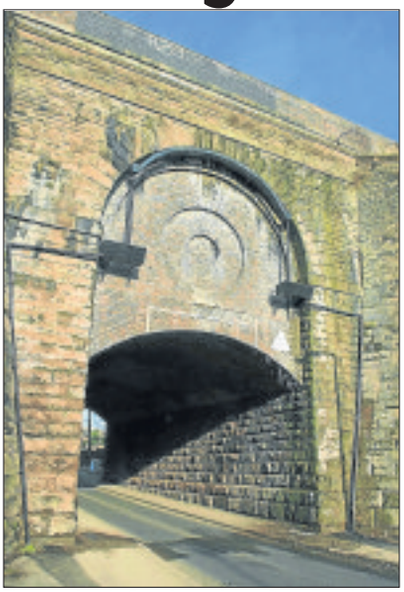
Aqueduct is watertight at long last



The aqueduct in Spouthouse Lane, Great Barr, is now watertight again after a £120,000 scheme

A £120,000 scheme drawn up to plug a leak at a Grade II listed aqueduct in Great Barr has been completed successfully.

by David Lumb

Over the space of four weeks, specialist teams drilled 150mm to 200mm deep holes along the edge of the towpath alongside the aqueduct in Spouthouse Lane. These were injected with a resin to block any holes that cause leaks.

The Canal & River Trust, which took over responsibility for canals and rivers from British Waterways last year, say the work has appeared to do the trick.

Canal & River Trust spokeswoman Sarah Rudy said: "We have finished repairing the aqueduct, and so far the signs are really promising. We are feeling confident we have fixed the leaks.

Monitoring

"We will be monitoring the aqueduct over the next few months to see if any water starts escaping but our engineers are feeling confident we have plugged all the holes."

Bosses hope that the resin, which was introduced in March, will fill any small holes in the brickwork and prevent water seeping out from the aqueduct onto Spouthouse Lane below.

Great Barr Councillor David Hosell, who has been campaigning on residents' behalf, said: "They have done a brilliant job. It is a big investment but hopefully it will pay off in the future."

Residents in and around Spouthouse Lane have been complaining about the leaking aqueduct for more than 10 years.

In the winter, the problem has been particularly bad, with huge icicles hanging off the aqueduct and icy pathways posing a hazard.

Janice Bryan, of Ennerdale Road, Great Barr, started a petition in 2010 calling for the bridge to be repaired. The 78-year-old said: "I am very pleased they have fixed it but I think it's a case of wait and see. We will have to wait until the winter to see how successful the work has been. That will be the real test."

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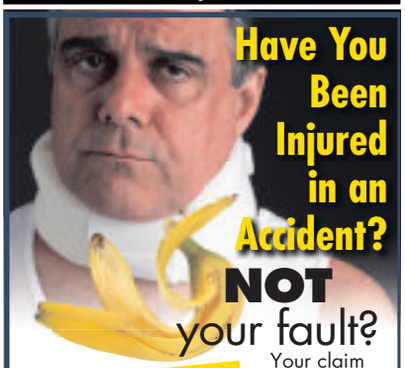

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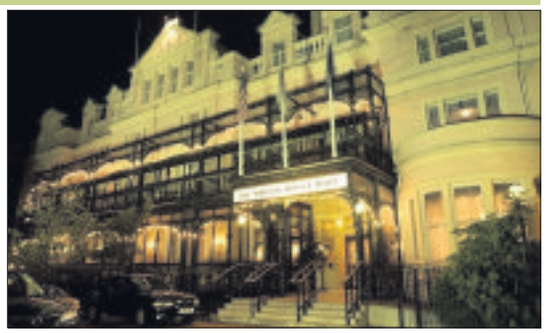

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An interior shot of the Westbeech, the town's premier seafood restaurant

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Festival

Lord of The Rings author JRR Tolkien, stationed on Cannock Chase during the First World War, loved the town so much that he holidayed there every year and was living in Bournemouth at the time of death in 1973.

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Bournemouth apparently averages more sunshine than anywhere else in the country, and my family and I certainly found a great time to visit as the sun beat down, offering a superb taste of what the town has to offer. The beach was packed, and is only a stone's throw away from the main town. Yards away are the Oceanarium, which houses a variety of sea creatures. Just a few strides from there is the town's most popular seafood restaurant the Westbeech, where we enjoyed both a terrific lunch as well as stunning coastal views.

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We even found the time to visit the fascinating and historic Russell-Cotes Museum and Art Gallery, dedicated to Sir Merton Russell-Cotes, the Wolverhampton-born former Mayor of Bournemouth, and where the interiors for Ken Russell's 1978 biopic Valentino were filmed.

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The seven full time and 11 part-time at the Portway Lifestyle Centre include leisure attendants, fitness instructors, cleaners and receptionists.

Thirty jobs are being created but the final 12 will be filled by those transferred from the former Oldbury centre, which the new centre, in Newbury Lane replaces.

Mark Wildman, marketing and business manager at Sandwell Leisure Trust, said: "The jobs haven't been available for that long and we have already had a really good response. We are getting applications in all the time.

"It's nice in this climate to have new opportunities to make available for the local community."

There are seven full-time leisure attendant positions, six part-time cleaner roles, three part-time receptionists job, one part-time gym and fitness instructor and one part-time leisure attendant.

The closing date for all of the positions is tomorrow (Friday). People can visit www.slt-leisure.co.uk/jobs for job descriptions and application details.

Grant boost for grid iron

DON your crash helmet and your padding and get down to Tipton for some American Football.

Sandwell Steelers American Football Club is aiming to give more 14 to 19 year olds the opportunity to take part in a non-traditional sport.

Players can join the Steelers at their training sessions and competitive matches.

Sessions are at Tipton Sports Academy on Thursdays from 7pm to 9pm and Sundays from 1pm to 3pm.

The club has launched the sessions thanks to a £10,000 grant awarded through the Sport England Small Grants Scheme which encourages greater sports participation and physical activity among those aged over 14.

Helped

Steelers' chairman, Steve Hannington, said: "Sandwell Leisure Trust and the staff at Tipton Sports Academy have been an integral part of the rise of this club. Please come and join us and try a fantastic sport."

Sandwell Leisure Trust Sports Development and Physical Activity Team, which is actively involved in the project, helped the team obtain the funding.

For more information on the sessions go to www.slt-leisure.co.uk or call 0121 506 4980.

Members of the Sandwell Steelers celebrate their £10,000 grant funding

Betting staff raise cash in cancer fight

STAFF at a betting shop in West Bromwich have raised £1,375 to help fight cancer. They collected the money for charity Mac-millan Cancer Support with a car boot sale.

They also asked for a contributions when customers visited the bookmakers shop in Carters Green. They are also handing out Macmillan prostate cancer information as part of a national campaign to raise awareness. Store manager Jodie Newell said they had been more than happy to help.

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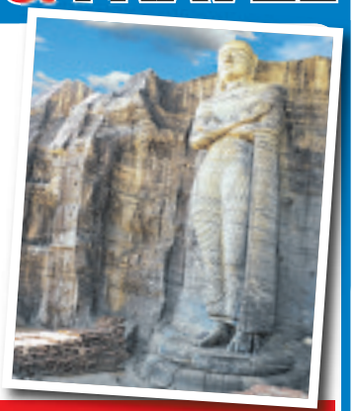

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CLUB NEWS

Speaker gives talk on cheese

BLACKHEATH M TG

THE meeting on May 22 was opened by chairman Doreen Armstrong, who welcomed members, visitors and speaker for the day, Hazel Reynolds.

Mrs Reynolds talk, which was all about Swiss cheese, included some cooking, and it was decided she would speak and demonstrate before the guild business took place.

She brought samples, cooked a fondue and explained how the animals were kept high in the mountains during the summer months, where they fed entirely on the rich grass slopes and only came down when the winter arrived.

Everyone was delighted to be fed samples of cheese and fondue together with fresh bread. Beryl Hartley thanked Mrs Reynolds for a most interesting talk.

Monthly reports were then given by treasurer Beryl Hartley, outings co-ordinator Brenda Ellesmore and press officer Iris Harris.

Three ladies were given prizes in the raffle.

Earlier in the month, members had visited the Halfpenny Green vineyards and were treated to a tour of the grape areas, saw the various craft buildings and then had a tasting session.

The next meeting will be on June 26 at the Moose Hall, Beeches Road at 10.30am. Speaker will be Ken Smith on the subject of Haden Hill, with slides.

Parkash is named as club's new president

WOLVERHAMPTON SOROPTIMISTS

New Soroptimists president Parkash Krishan

THE recent AGM saw Soroptimist International of Wolverhampton move towards its 76th year with the election of a new president Parkash Krishan.

She received the badge of Insignia from outgoing president Gail Wedge.

In her inaugural speech, she spoke about the rights of all those, in particular women and children, who across the world are still less fortunate in having no voice, of how inequality still existed in the world and how Soroptimist International was important in helping to stop this and break down barriers, to increase understanding.

Her theme for the coming year would be 'Continuing Friendship and Opening Up Barriers'. Parkash intends to maintain and establish links and friendships with other organisations and as well as supporting various projects the club already has in place .

Her special project would be supporting local charity The Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre. There will be several social functions throughout her year commencing with a coffee morning, a barbecue and a strawberry tea in June and a House of Lords visit in mid July.

Members of the club will also be taking part in the Race for Life on June 19.

Cyclist's fundraising bid

MYTIME OVER 50S

THE May meeting began with a talk by Ed Shore entitled 'Cycling alone from San Francisco to New York'.

The ride raised money for Cancer Research, backed by Ed's Rotarian group. It took him a year to get fit enough as he had to gain about 30 lbs of weight, which would be burned off during his ride. Throughout his journey he camped or stayed in motels. His first few nights were spent with American Rotarians in and around San Francisco.

When in Indiana the route was to take him over five road bridges, which were all closed for repair work.

Workmen got him over by crane and boats, instead of having to take a detour of more than 100 miles. Finally he reached New York, taking 58 days, cycling more than 3,000 miles at 60 miles a day.

New Ormiston Academy at Wodensborough CTC

Consultation evening

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NEWS

Women spared prison in money launder case

TWO women who helped launder thousands of pounds of drug money have been spared immediate prison sentences.

Cash was syphoned through bank accounts to hide the source before being spent on cars for a criminal.

Nurse Luan Anslow and mother-of-two Jacqueline Hughes, both 41, were of previous good character and had each met the criminal in innocent circumstances, the court was told. They later suspected his money came from crime, although neither knew the scale of his drug dealing, it was claimed.

Anslow used £11,995 as part payment for an Audi A3 she drove, prosecutor Mr Andrew Wallace told Wolverhampton Crown Court. Money was also channelled through her bank account to help with the purchase of a £40,000 Audi A5 and an Audi RS5.

The court heard that Hughes registered a £46,000 BMW X6 used by the criminal in her name between September 2009 and October 2010 and put £30,000 towards the purchase of another Audi for the man, who cannot be named for legal reasons but is in jail.

Lost

Mr Andrew Jackson, defending mother-of-one Anslow, of Elizabeth Walk, Tipton, said: "The direct benefit to her was relatively low. She is a decent, hard-working woman who had lost her job and suffered ill health as a result of these proceedings."

Mr Matthew Hardyman, for Hughes, of Mayhurst Close, Tipton, said: "She thought she was doing a favour to a friend of the family but latterly her suspicions were aroused. She turned a blind eye because at the same time, she was caring for a young child and a terminally ill relative. There was no financial or direct benefit to her."

Anslow admitted two offences of converting criminal property committed between June 2008 and March 2009 and one of possessing criminal property, the Audi A3. She received an 18-month jail sentence suspended for two years, with £2,000 costs and 220 hours' unpaid work. She was also ordered to repay £27,999 within six months or face 12 months in prison.

Hughes pleaded guilty to facilitating the acquisition, use or control of criminal property in the shape of the BMW X6 and laundering cash from crime to help with the purchase of another car between March and September 2010. She was given a 12-month prison term suspended for two years with £2,000 costs and 150 hours' unpaid work.

She is due to face Proceeds of Crime proceedings later in the year.

Engine steaming back

Black Country Living Museum demonstrator Ray Franklin from Colley Gate, and the replica Newcomen Engine at work

IT was full steam ahead for the historic engine at the Black Country Living Museum when the refurbished machine was back in action.

The Tipton Road site's replica Newcomen Engine was running during the last Bank Holiday weekend. It was one of the first times the engine, a copy of the 18th century original, has been in operation since its £100,000 restoration last year.

Engineers spent around 12 months painstakingly revamping the engine, which has been on display at the museum, in Tipton Road, since 1986. Restoration work included replacing the wood head frame and adjusting worn parts of the pump. Repairs were also carried out to the valve gear, piston and cylinders.

All the hard work paid off as visitors were able to see the engine in action. The engine was demonstrated by expert Ray Franklin, who was in period dress for the occasion

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Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS (Eng) (GDC108353) with Denture Clinic manager Peter Brookes (GDC124429)

Denture troubles? Unable to live life spontaneously?

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THERE'S seemingly an impossible amalgamation between glamour and dentures, but these unlikely descriptive bedfellows are increasingly being thrown together at a clinic in Bearwood.

Under the watchful eye of denturist Steven Burchell DipCDT RCS(Eng), founder of the Dudley-based Denture Clinic, regular surgeries at Fresh Dental in St Mary's Road, are helping patients turn back the hands of time.

The practice is part of a growing portfolio of locations with surgeries also at North Street, Dudley; Tettenhall Road, Wolverhampton; and most recently, Comberton Dental Surgery in Comberton Road, Kidderminster.

A champion for those who wear dentures, Steven has spent more than ten years campaigning to "break the taboo over false teeth."

He is evangelical about what new generation dentures can achieve.

"Dentures have traditionally never been associated with cosmetic makeovers, but our high-quality prosthetics have quite literally taken years off some of our patients," he said.

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"We are committed to remain on the cusp of development, so that those who entrust their smile to us can be sure they will be advised on the best options."

Steven's work has attracted people from all walks of life, including a former SAS mountain warfare specialist, an airline pilot, a multi-millionaire with his own jet, health professionals and "ordinary salt-of-the-earth people from the Black Country."

The clinic's prosthetics, hand-crafted at laboratories at the Dudley and Wolverhampton practices, have also found satisfied patients from as far away as Spain and Portugal. And the secret of his success? A seamless service to clients, where clinical assessment and the crafting of prescriptions are all in-house.

"It's a simple formula," said Steven, "but it has allowed me to be fastidious about the quality of teeth we supply.

"We will never compromise on best clinical outcomes and that same ethos is core to all of our clinics. We are always reimagining what dentures can achieve."

He admitted that denture wearers are one of the most challenging groups to treat, presenting some "monumental" challenges.

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Steven draws on more than 30 years' experience in all disciplines of dental technology to produce his hallmark "functional, natural-looking teeth."

Having completed his training as a dental technician and started his own laboratory, Steven enrolled on a three-and-a-half year CDT training course with the George Brown College in Toronto, Canada, to enable him to work in his dental discipline independently of a dentist.

Graduating with honours, Steven undertook a further year's study under the auspices of The Royal College of Surgeons.

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NEWS

1,400 looking for aid to offset the bedroom tax

MORE than 1,400 desperate families and council tenants have applied for emergency handouts to help them cope with the controversial 'bedroom tax', figures show.

Councils in the Black Country, South Staffordshire, Cannock Chase, Lichfield, Stafford and Wyre Forest have received more applications for help in the past month than they had in six months last year.

Latest figures claim there have been 1,267 applications for support with paying rent, called discretionary housing payments (DHPs) in April 2013.

The same councils had 2,102 requests for the whole of the 2012/13 financial year.

Tenants are seeking tens of thousands of pounds to cover their rent following cuts to housing benefit for anyone who has one or more spare rooms.

Under the controversial new measure, dubbed the bedroom tax by critics, people in council or social rented housing with one spare room lose 14 per cent of their housing benefit. People with two or more spare rooms lose 25 per cent.

The Government wants people who are 'under-occupying' to trade down to smaller properties to reduce soaring waiting lists for council homes from families living in cramped accommodation.

But there is a shortage of smaller properties for people to go to. Pensioners with spare rooms are exempt from the charge.

The worst affected area is in Dudley with 529 applications for help.

MP backs Bill on patents

EUROPE-wide laws to help businesses protect their designs and patents have been welcomed by a West Midlands MEP. Malcolm Harbour, who represents the region for the Tories, said the Intellectual Property Bill would include the introduction of the new EU Patent. Mr Harbour said: "I welcome this bill."

Sonny proves a belter

Sonny Anderson, aged 13, of Wall Heath, has got his black belt in taekwondo from attending a class at Blakenhall Community College

YEARS of hard work have paid off for a talented young martial artist who has earned a black belt, aged 13. Sonny Anderson rose through the ranks after taking up taekwondo aged five.

Now the keen rugby player has reached the standard of black belt – which his instructor said was a 'great achievement'.

Sonny, of Wall Heath, is a member of the Heart of England Martial Arts group that meets at Blakenhall Community and Healthy Living Centre, Bromley Street.

His instructor Chris Woolcock, who won world championship gold for sparring in 2004, said: "He has done really well. We work towards high standards here and have a strict structure, which I think has helped him get so far.

"He has got very far for his age. I was 16 when I got my black belt. He balances taekwondo with rugby and other sports and he is very active.

"He also works very hard at school and he is getting good grades there. He has been persistent."

Sonny, a pupil at Summerhill School, Kingswinford, is 'very determined to succeed', his mother Kate said.

She added: "I'm really proud of him. He has stuck at it."

Meetings are held every Tuesday from 7-8pm and the group offers lessons of all grades.

Heart of England Martial Arts - which has groups in Nottingham, Derby, Leicester and Burton-on-Trent – practices the chang hon style of taekwondo.

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NEWS

Pair pedal for pounds

Paul Dunn and Jason Addison, who rode from Coseley to Shrewsbury in aid of Birmingham Children's Hospital

A FATHER from Coseley, whose son was struck down with leukaemia, has completed a 50-mile cycle ride to try to help other sick children.

Jason Addison, aged 42 from Somerford Way, set off from his home at 8am to ride to Shrewsbury in aid of Birmingham Children's Hospital cancer ward.

His son Scott, now 18, was treated there for the cancer when he was diagnosed with it aged just five, spending three years undergoing chemotherapy. Although Scott is now in remission Jason, who is the director of Addison Tyres in Princes End, Tipton, is determined to keep raising cash. He was inspired by eight-year-old Joshua Jackson, from Tipton, who is a friend of the family, and is currently being treated for his second bout of leukaemia.

Jason said: "We went through a lot with my son and his treatments, and it's not a nice experience. My son's now in remission, but Josh has relapsed. It's a terrible thing for parents to go through."

Jason undertook the ride recently with friend Paul Dunn, also 42 from Coseley, and raised £500 for the cause.

He said the ride would have been longer, but last year Jason broke his knee when a car pulled out on him.

Now he is planning two mammoth rides – one from London to Paris next year, and then from John O'Groats to Land's End the year after.

Outspoken bishop is to head north

THE Bishop of Dudley said he would be 'sad' to leave the borough when he stands down in October to take up a new position in Manchester.

It comes as both Dudley Council leader David Sparks and the Bishop of Worcester praised the outspoken cleric for his contribution to the diocese.

The Rt Rev David Walker, aged 56, who has held the Church of England job since 2000, has been appointed Bishop of Manchester.

The father-of three, who lives with wife Sue in Old Hill, said: "Whilst I am very excited about returning to my home city as Bishop, Sue and I will also be sad to leave so many friends that we have made in the Diocese of Worcester.

Sad to leave – Rt Rev David Walker

Grateful

"I'm grateful for the many opportunities I have been given both to support the mission and ministry of the Church of England in Dudley and Worcestershire and to contribute to the life of our villages, towns and communities."

The Diocese of Worcester has announced the process to appoint a new Bishop of Dudley will begin immediately.

Bishop of Worcester, The Rt Rev Dr John Inge said: "Although I shall be very sorry to lose a wonderful colleague from our diocese, I'm delighted that Bishop David has been appointed as Bishop of Manchester.

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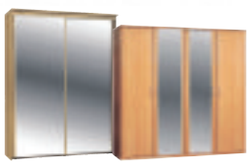

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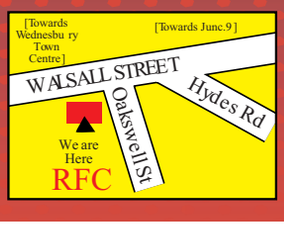

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NEWS

Bride's fundraising inspired by parents

Michelle Pearce, right, with her fiance John Hughes and her parents, back, Julie Bosley and Arthur Woodcock

A BRIDE whose parents are both battling cancer has asked all her guests to donate to a hospice instead of gifts.

Michelle Pearce and her fiancé John Hughes were tying the knot at Wednesbury Methodist Church.

Miss Pearce, 43, of The Furlong, Wednesbury, said cancer has had a huge impact on her and her family's life, and even her future husband had a brush with the disease.

She chose to support Compton Hospice because it does such important work.

Her mother, Julie Bosley, 62, was diagnosed with leukaemia around three years ago. Her father Arthur Woodcock, 64, who works at the hospice as a driver developed symptoms of his liver cancer last year.

Miss Pearce's future husband John, 65, had also developed skin cancer but luckily it was caught early.

She added: "We just know so many people who have been impacted by cancer, and through my dad's work we know Compton Hospice does such important work looking after people who are very ill.

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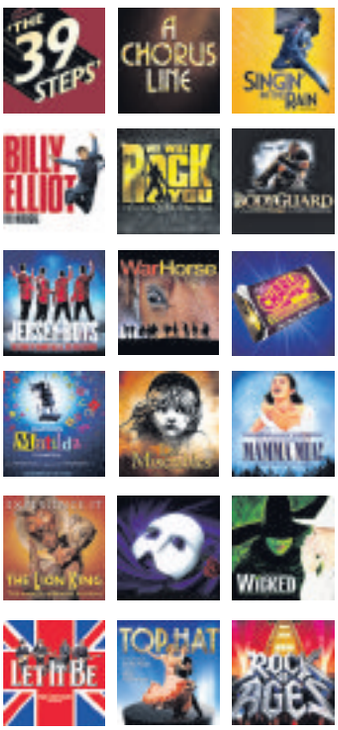

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Incident sparks call to revive police merger

PLANS, which were scrapped earlier this year, for two West Midland police forces to share services should be revived in the wake of the terrorist attack in Woolwich, claims a police chief.

West Midlands and Staffordshire police were looking at combining their armed response teams, dog support and training as well as tactical planning and road policing.

However, Staffordshire backed out of the plans in March saying it was not the 'right thing' for the county.

Now, West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner Bob Jones said he hoped the plans would still go ahead – and insisted they would help the response to a major incident like the attack on Drummer Lee Rigby last month.

Response

The proposals were first mooted back in 2011 in a move which, it was hoped, would save the forces £650,000 a year.

But it was also feared the changes could mean increased response times to incidents and that staff may resist the proposals.

Mr Jones said: "A collaboration between the forces would mean we would be in a better position to respond to the big incidents like Woolwich.

He added: "We are still looking at this but Staffordshire had reservations about certain elements. However, his counterpart in Staffordshire said any joint working would only go ahead if it would benefit people in the area.

Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis said, a review found the operational case is not strong enough to support these original collaboration proposals."

Made in the Black Country

The power station silo which was built at Pressvess, in Kingswinford

DUDLEY workmanship will be keeping a power station going after a massive silo was dispatched from a manufacturing plant.

The silo, which is 47ft long, 14ft wide and weighs 10 tons, is for Drax Power Station near Selby, Yorkshire.

It was made by Kingswinford stainless steel fabricators Pressvess and carefully loaded on to a specialist lorry before travelling through the town at slow speed at the start of an eight hour journey.

Pressvess works manager Lee Deakin said at its destination the silo would beinstalled by their team from the Stallings Lane company. He said: "This is part of a large contract, we're a well-established company and we're growing quite well. Everything went without a problem."

Pressvess was commissioned to design, build and install the lime dosing silo by Halesowen air filtration specialists Lodge Cotterell.

It will be fully installed at Drax, a large coal-fired power station, this week. It is among recent power station projects the company is doing with Lodge Cotterell.

Pressvess marketing manager Tom Mason said: "Visually this silo is very impressive due to the sheer scale.

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NEWS

Moxley memorial

Stone mason David Walker working on the new memorial stone which has been installed at The Moxley War Memorial, in High Street, Moxley

THE £45,000 revamp of a war memorial in the Black Country is all but complete, as plans are drawn up for a re-dedication service in the autumn.

Finishing touches are being put to the First World War memorial in Moxley, Walsall.

Stonework and a cross have been lowered into place and plaques bearing the names of 98 servicemen who paid the ultimate sacrifice were due to be added this week.

Work began in September last year after it was announced that all of Walsall's war memorials are to be restored. Supporters said the revamped monument looked 'beautiful'.

Unveiling

Work has been carried out in two stages, with the final unveiling due to be at a re-dedication service in September led by the churches and people of Moxley.

Representatives of the Staffordshire Regiment are expected to attend.

It will mean the memorial is ready in time for next year's commemorations of the centenary of the start of the First World War. New benches, railings, lighting and gates have all been put in place, along with new brickwork.

Government pledge over privatising fire service

WEST Midlands Fire Service will not be privatised, a Government minister has pledged. The promise came in response to a call for reassurance from a Black Country MP during a debate in Parliament.

by Daniel Wainwright

Adrian Bailey, Labour MP for West Bromwich West, said people had been alarmed by fire service minister Brandon Lewis' letter to a regulatory committee saying that fire and rescue authorities should be able to contract out 'some or all' of their services.

Savings

Mr Bailey said: "The fact is that, as part of his drive to make further savings, he wants to remove, as he said in his letter, the legal obstacles to the privatisation of the emergency fire services.

"Given that West Midlands Fire Service is already two years into a programme to cut its budget by nearly a quarter, and has lost nearly 10 per cent of its firefighters, my constituents will regard with alarm."

Mr Bailey was then cut off by Speaker John Bercow who pressed him to ask a question.

Mr Bailey continued: "Will the minister assure my constituents that these moves will not result in a privatised non-publicly accountable emergency fire service?"

Mr Lewis replied: "I have made clear on more than one occasion that we will not privatise the fire service, notwithstanding the scaremongering of members of his party.

"He should also note, if he is not already aware of it, that West Midlands fire service is currently advertising for firefighters."

In his letter Mr Lewis had said fire and rescue authorities should be able to adopt alternative models for the delivery, under contract, for some or all of their services.

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NEWS

Roy of the Saddlers is calling it a day

ALMOST three decades on from a decision he describes as 'madness', things haven't worked out too badly for Roy Whalley.

The 66-year-old was this month heralding the dawn of a new era after leaving the Banks's Stadium, a venue he played a huge role in helping to develop, for the final time as a full-time employee of Walsall Football Club.

Whalley retired on May 31 as the club's commercial director, the role as he held for the past three years after stepping down as chief executive, closing the book on 27 years at the sharp end of life with the Saddlers.

Over that time his impact has been felt not only at the Banks's but in the town. He leaves with club on a financially sound footing and, as he says, respected throughout the game as a 'model' for how clubs should be run.

Degree

But it was all very different back in 1986 when Whalley, already a well-known figure through his teaching job at Manor High School, was offered the role of club secretary on the steps of the Town Hall by new club chairman Terry Ramsden.

Whalley had just completed a masters degree in teaching, spent a year as deputy head, his career prospects good. By complete contrast, Walsall had spent the decade lurching from one crisis to the next and their prospects were at best uncertain.

For Whalley, the choice was obvious.

"I always say it was an easy decision to make, but a difficult one to live with for a while," says Whalley.

"Teaching was very safe job and I'd got a family too. To move from that very safe position with a bright future, to football, which was just about the most unsafe profession around, really it was madness. But I always think had I not taken the opportunity I would have looked back and thought if only?

"I have done things I would never have done, I have met people I would never have met and I have been to places I would never have been had I not been in football.

"I think I have been able to achieve more and influence things more than I ever could in education. Yes it was a big gamble but I have never really regretted it."

At the time he accepted the job, Whalley was already a well-known figure at the club's then home of Fellows Park, having played a prominent role in the Save Walsall campaign. A fan since attending his first game in 1955 at the age of seven, he suddenly found himself thrust into the 100mph world of football administration, whisked away to a board meeting in Kent by helicopter on his second day.

The first five years would be the hardest. Within months Ramsden had been crippled by the stock market collapse and the club was once again facing up to crisis and losing up to £10,000 a week.

That they came through it, finally making the move from Fellows Park to the Banks's Stadium in 1990, was in no small part down to the efforts of Whalley who grafted under the new board headed by Barrie Blower and Jeff Bonser.

Whalley has been the driving force behind the club's rapid commercial growth, with the club now home seven days a week to conferences, boxing shows and all manner of other events bringing commerce into Walsall. One his proudest achievements was establishing the Sunday market at Bescot Stadium.

Final whistle – Roy Whalley is stepping down from his role at Walsall FC at the age of 66

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NEWS

Actress Helen Monks with Caitlin and Caroline Moran and actress Alexa Davies on the set of Raised By Wolves

Estate life – but not as you may know it

AUTHOR and columnist Caitlin Moran wants her new sitcom to show there are smart, amusing intellectuals living on council estates in Wolverhampton.

The TV critic, who grew up in the city and was educated at home with her seven brothers and sisters, has had her new comedy, Raised By Wolves, made into a 30-minute pilot by Channel 4.

The Times columnist and author of bestselling book How To Be A Woman has written the show with her sister Caroline.

Mother of two Miss Moran, aged 38, said: "Raised By Wolves is modern day re-imagining of us, when we were growing up – loads of kids, no money, home-schooled, and educating ourselves on mankind's great bounty of books, films, TV and pop music.

"Do you remember when people used to go on about the notion of a progressive working class? When admitting you were on benefits didn't immediately mean that you were morally incontinent scrounger scum?

Characters

"Yeah, neither could we. It's been ages. Telly never has any smart, amusing intellectuals living on a council estate. That's why we wrote the sitcom."

The story of Raised By Wolves follows children Germaine, Aretha, Yoko, Mariah, Wyatt and baby Cher who live with their mother Della, in a three-bedroom council house. The daughters have all been named after Della's female role models her sons have been named after characters played by Kevin Costner.

The episode also features Della's father Grampy, a stoner who comes in through the window because he does not like keys.

The Moran family lived in a three-bedroom council house, in Enville Road, in Penn. The pilot is based around a family with six children where the children are educated at home in a council house, like the Morans were.

Miss Moran has previously told of not having a happy life in the city and in 1993 said that living in Wolverhampton gave her an object in life – 'to get out as soon as possible'.

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REVIEW

Ghost The Musical
Grand Theatre

IF there is anything likely to boost the attendance at pottery classes this is it! The smash-hit musical Ghost, direct from the West End, is simply out of this world.

And although that memorable potter's wheel part of the film seemed to be passed over quickly the packed Grand Theatre was still held spellbound by the dazzling state-of-the-art staging and terrific effects.

Based on the Oscar-winning movie that captured the hearts of a generation in the 90s, Ghost is a timeless fantasy about the power of love. Sam is trapped as a ghost between this world and the next trying to communicate with girlfriend Molly through a phoney psychic in the hope of saving her from his murderer.

Moving

Stewart Clarke as Sam was unstoppable as he dashed around the stage, 'walking' through doors and pretending to be invisible and certainly had a very good voice. It must have been very hard for the rest of the cast to act as though he wasn't actually standing next to them.

Girlfriend Molly (Rebecca Trehearn) who gave a very moving performance. As well as the very poignant moments there were plenty of laughs thanks to the psychic Oda Mae Brown (Wendy Mae Brown).

Ghost continues at the Grand until Saturday.

SUE ATTWATER

Take That's Mark on the art of being busy doing nothing

WITH Take That taking their first major break since reuniting in 2006, superstar singer Mark Owen might be expected to be enjoying a well-deserved rest.

But instead the 41-year-old heart-throb from Oldham will be spending this month promoting his fourth solo album with a series of gigs – including a concert at The Institute in Birmingham tomorrow night (Friday).

The album, ironically entitled The Art of Doing Nothing, and its lead single Stars, were both released this week.

Solo album and summer tour for Take That's Mark Owen

Songs

According to Mark, he's not very good at doing nothing.

"I've been making songs for 20 years now and I don't really know what else to do," he said.

"It's my hobby and my day job all in one."

The album is his most collaborative to date, featuring a duet with Salford songstress Ren Harvieu and London rapper Jake Emlyn, who was recommended to him by Robbie Williams.

Tickets for Friday's gig at the venue in Digbeth High Street cost £25.

Stand-up star going Public in 'small' show

HIP comic Russell Kane is heading to the Black Country for a gig at West Bromwich venue The Public this autumn.

Edinburgh Comedy Award winner Kane is the biggest name yet to play the controversial arts centre and is due to appear on Saturday, October 5.

One of the most sought after stand-ups in the UK, the I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! Now!' presenter will be performing at the town centre venue as part of his nationwide Smallness tour.

The Jedward-haired stand-up will be taking a comic look at Britain's fascination with smallness.

Linda Saunders, managing director of The Public said: "We're absolutely thrilled that Russell Kane will bringing his new show to The Public in what is a real coup for West Bromwich."

Tickets are £17.50 and are available via www.thepublic.com or by calling 0121 533 7161.

Other comedy dates coming up at The Public include professional 'grumpy old woman' Jenny Eclair with her brand new show Eclarious on June 15, and Gina Yashere on October 19.

Russell Kane, pictured with small friend, has a Black Country date

Welsh opera triple choice

WELSH National Opera return to Birmingham Hippodrome with three productions over four days.

WNO stage Richard Wagner's romantic epic Lohengrin from 5.30pm today (Thursday) and Saturday, following Wagner Dream, Jonathan Harvey's bicentenary tribute to the German composer, last night.

They stage Puccini's Madam Butterfly tomorrow evening.

Bands ready to rock the Beacon

THE line-up for a music festival being held on a Walsall landmark has been announced.

Country and rock music will be filling the air at Barr Beacon for the fourth annual Bands on the Beacon event. It is being held on June 30 and will feature a beer tent.

Acts appearing on the main stage include The Stratpack, playing hits of The Shadows from 1pm, followed by country act Knoxville Highway at 2pm. Soul Weaver take to the stage at 3pm, Khaliq at 4pm and ex-Stone Roses guitarist Aziz at 5pm.

Euro favourites to play in village

EUROVISION pop stars Brotherhood Of Man are returning to Pelsall to perform their 70's hits – including 1976 Eurovision winner Save All Your Kisses – in Pelsall.

They will be performing in Pelsall Community Centre, Station Road, on Friday, July 12, from 7.30pm.

For more information or to book tickets call the box office 07783 419657 or 07960 503512.

Opportunity rocks for bands in park

LOUD music and guitars is again taking over Haden Hill House and park in Rowley Regis this summer for a one-day music festival on Sunday, July 7, between 11am and 6pm.

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CHOICE

Huw Edwards

Trooping the Colour: The Queen's Birthday Parade Highlights
BBC2, 6.30pm

As far as pomp and ceremony go, nobody does them quite like the Brits. And there's no event in the British calendar as grand, lavish or darn impressive as Trooping the Colour. Here, Huw Edwards introduces the best moments from this morning's military parade when the Queen's Colour was trooped by the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards at Horse Guards Parade in Whitehall, London, to mark the monarch's official birthday, with members of the royal family, invited guests and the public in attendance.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Live. **10.30** Trooping the Colour: The Queen's Birthday Parade. **1.05** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **1.20** Tennis from Queen's. **5.25** A Question of Sport: A-Z. **5.55** Pointless Celebrities. (R)

6.40 **BBC News**; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 **The Voice UK.** Holly Willoughby and Reggie Yates present the live semi-final, which sees the eight remaining acts perform individually before taking part in a group number with their coaches.

9.10 **The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws.** Matt Johnson presents the all-important Lotto and Thunderball draws, along with the Lotto Plus 5 results.

9.20 **Casualty.** Tom faces a dilemma about truth and confidentiality regarding an unborn baby's paternity, and Sam tries to help a man deal with his anger and give him a chance to save his marriage.

10.10 **BBC News**; Weather; National Lottery Update.

10.30 **Match of the Day.** Brazil v Japan. Mark Chapman presents highlights of the opening match of the Confederations Cup, as the Group A sides met at the Estadio Nacional in Brasilia.

11.10 **Film: No Strings Attached.** (2011) Premiere. Two old friends try to have a purely sexual relationship, but find themselves falling in love nonetheless. Romantic comedy, starring Natalie Portman and Ashton Kutcher.

12.50 Weatherview. **12.55** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This is BBC Two. **6.25** **Film:** The Gay Diplomat. (1931) **7.30** **Film:** The Fabulous Dorseys. (1947) **8.55** A History of Scotland. (R) **10.00** Reel History of Britain. (R) **10.30** The Great British Bake Off Masterclass. (R) **11.30** Nature's Great Events. (R) **12.30** Just a Minute. (R) **1.00** Live MotoGP. **2.00** **Film:** Tiro. (1978) **3.45** Coast. **4.15** Natural World: Tiger Island. (R) **5.15** Flog It! (R)

6.00 **Dad's Army.** The platoon plans to re-enact the battle between St George and the dragon as part of the Wings for Victory fundraising effort – as do the ARP wardens have the same idea. (R)

6.30 **Trooping the Colour: The Queen's Birthday Parade Highlights.** Huw Edwards introduces the best moments from this morning's military parade when the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards trooped its colour to mark the Queen's official birthday.

8.00 **Live International Rugby Union.** Argentina v England (Kick-off 8.10pm). Coverage of the second fixture in a two-match series, as the sides meet at the Estadio Jose Amalfitani in Buenos Aires.

10.00 **Film: A Serious Man.** (2009) Premiere. A mild-mannered professor seeks spiritual advice as a series of disasters disrupts his life. Comedy, starring Michael Stuhlbarg and Richard Kind.

11.40 **Film: Skeletons.** (2010) Premiere. Two "emotional exorcists" able to psychically uncover people's dark secrets help a client find her missing husband. Fantasy, starring Ed Gaughan.

1.10 This is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.10** Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Dino Dan. (R) **7.05** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Canimals. (R) **7.20** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.35** Ultimate Spider-Man. **8.00** Jessie. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Dinner Date. (R) **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News; Weather. **11.30** Saturday Farm. **12.35** All Star Mr & Mrs. (R) **1.40** River Monsters. (R) **2.35** The Chase. (R) **3.35** You've Been Framed! (R) **4.05** **Film:** Happy Feet. (2006)

6.10 **Regional Programme**; Weather.

6.25 **ITV News**; Weather.

6.40 **Film: Despicable Me.** (2010) Premiere. An evil genius adopts three orphans to aid his latest plot, but fatherhood has a strange effect on him. Animated comedy, with the voices of Steve Carell and Jason Segel.

8.20 **Goodbye Granadaland.** Peter Kay bids a fond farewell to Granada Studios in Manchester, exploring the building from rooftop to basement and introducing archive clips from memorable shows produced there.

10.00 **The Americans.** The couple discover their murdered colleague Robert had a wife.

10.50 **ITV News**; Weather.

11.05 **Film: Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels.** (1998) Four friends get out of their depth while trying to pay off a debt to a crime lord. Comedy, with Nick Moran.

1.00 Jackpot247. **3.00** In Plain Sight. (R) **4.25** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** British Rallycross. **7.00** The Grid. **7.30** FIM Superbike World Championship. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.35** Frasier. (R) **11.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.05** The Simpsons. (R) **12.35** Heston's Fantastical Food. (R) **1.40** Channel 4 Racing. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.10 **Come Dine with Me.** Lloyd Cast hosts the final dinner party from the West Midlands. (R)

6.40 **Channel 4 News.**

7.00 **World's Weirdest Weather.** Alex Beresford discovers how an unusual combination of weather phenomena created deadly storms in 1953, and investigates other strange water-related events such as giant hailstones. Last in the series. (R)

8.00 **The Million Pound Drop Live.** Davina McCall presents the quiz show in which contestants are challenged to place large quantities of the cash over trapdoors as they face a series of questions.

9.35 **Film: Date Night.** (2010) A married couple's romantic evening takes a dangerous turn when a case of mistaken identity leaves them on the run from gangsters. Comedy, with Tina Fey.

11.20 **Film: Kingpin.** (1996) Comedy, starring Woody Harrelson.

1.25 The Million Pound Drop Live. (R) **2.55** Friday Night In. (R) **3.05** Hollyoaks. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **9.55** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. (R) **10.30** Thundercats. (R) **11.00** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **12.00** Big Brother: Live Launch Part 2. (R) **1.30** CSI: NY. (R) **2.20** CSI: NY. (R) **3.15** CSI: NY. (R) **4.10** CSI: NY. (R) **5.05** **Film:** The Sea Wolves. (1980) Adventure, with Gregory Peck.

7.20 **5 News Weekend.**

7.25 **NCIS.** Tony becomes obsessed with finding a woman whose brother has been murdered. (R)

8.15 **NCIS.** The team investigates when a fellow agent's burnt body is discovered, and Gibbs can no longer avoid revealing what happened in Mexico as the case progresses. (R)

9.10 **Big Brother: Secrets & Lies.** Highlights of the past 24 hours under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, who this year has promised plenty of twists and turns and game-changing tasks.

10.10 **Big Brother's Bit on the Psych.** New series. Spin-off show in which presenter AJ Odudu is joined by a panel of experts and psychologists to analyse the behaviour of the housemates.

11.10 **Neighbours: This Week.** Hour-long episode featuring highlights from Ramsay Street over the past week, when Steph stepped up her plan to win Lucas back and Georgia ended her relationship with Kyle.

12.10 SuperCasino. **4.00** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jam. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

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BBC Three

7.00 Great Movie Mistakes IV: May the Fourth Be with You **7.20** Match of the Day Live: Brazil v Japan (Kick-off 8.00pm). **10.00** **Film:** Con Air. (1997) **11.30** Family Guy

BBC Four

7.00 Oceans **8.00** The Riviera: A History in Pictures **9.00** Wallander: Sidetracked **10.25** The Beach Boys: Doin' It Again **11.20** The Beach Boys: Live at Knebworth

ITV2

2.50 **Film:** Dragonheart (1996) **4.50** Britain's Got More Talent Best & Worst: LOL Moments **5.55** Britain's Got More Talent Best & Worst: Singers & Dancers **6.55** Britain's Got More Talent Best & Worst: Cutest Moments Ever **8.00** Britain's Got More Talent Best & Worst: Most Amazing Moments **9.00** **Film:** 2 Fast 2 Furious (2003) **11.10** Lemon La Vida Loca **11.50** Britain's Got More Talent Best & Worst: LOL Moments

ITV3

3.55 Foyle's War **6.00** Lewis **8.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **10.00** Blue Murder **11.30** Wire in the Blood

ITV4

2.30 Lonesome Dove **6.30** British Touring Car Championship **8.00** The Motorbike Show **9.00** Hell on Wheels **10.00** **Film:** Buried (2010)

E4

3.00 Made in Chelsea **4.00** Rules of Engagement **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** The Mindy Project **7.30** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** 2 Broke Girls **9.00** **Film:** Hitman (2007) **10.50** The Inbetweeners **11.55** The Big Bang Theory

Film4

2.45 The Truman Show (1998) **4.40** Picture Perfect (1997) **6.40** Pride (2007) Fact-based drama, starring Terrence Howard. **9.00** Devil (2010) **10.35** Cellular (2004)

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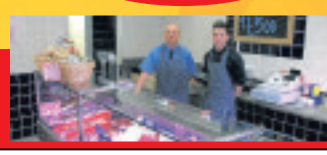

What's On!

SUNDAY'S TV 16.06.13

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CHOICE

Rebecca Ferguson

The White Queen
BBC1, 9pm

After weeks of trailers, this epic, 10-part drama based on Philippa Gregory's best-selling, fact-based novel about three women's quest for power in 15th-century England – Elizabeth Woodville, Margaret Beaufort and Anne Neville. It begins with Elizabeth down on her luck, having been widowed when her husband was killed fighting for the deposed Lancastrian King Henry VI. Now destitute, her only hope of supporting her two young sons, is to use her beauty to capture the heart of her family's greatest enemy, young York King Edward IV.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics; Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.20** Countryfile. (R) **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Tennis from Queen's. The AEGON Championships. Sue Barker introduces coverage of the final of the Wimbledon warm-up event, held at the Queen's Club in London. Coverage continues on BBC2. **5.00** Songs of Praise. **5.35** Earthflight. (R)

6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker and Ellie Harrison head to north Wales, where he visits Rhyl for an annual festival of forestry and she explores a strange and wonderful coastal habitat. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. The experts return to the North Yorkshire town of Scarborough, where items include a silver container found on a building site, a paperweight from Churchill's desk and a tiara.

9.00 The White Queen. New series. Epic historical drama set against the backdrop of the Wars of the Roses. King Edward IV causes controversy by marrying a commoner. Rebecca Ferguson and Max Irons star.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day Live. Spain v Uruguay (Kick-off 11.00pm). Gary Lineker presents coverage of the opening Group B match in the Confederations Cup, staged at the Arena Pernambuco in Recife, Brazil.

1.00 Weatherview. **1.05** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This is BBC Two. **6.45 Film:** Love Affair. (1939) **8.15** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.45** The A to Z of TV Gardening. **9.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Chinese Food Made Easy. (R) **12.00** What to Eat Now. (R) **12.30** Live MotoGP. **2.05** EastEnders. (R) **4.00** Flog It! **5.00** Tennis from Queen's.

6.30 Porridge. (R)

7.00 Peter Jones Meets. The Dragons' Den star chats to Michael Acton Smith, the CEO of entertainment company Mind Candy, and Laura Tenison, founder of maternity wear and baby clothing firm JoJo Maman Bebe.

8.00 Operation Snow Tiger. Part two of two. Cameraman Max Hug Williams follows a tiger to see if she has new cubs, while LD Barrain searches for another female that has gone missing.

9.00 Rise of the Continents. Iain Stewart examines the effect of Australia's formation and development on Aboriginal history, modern-day mining and the evolution of its unique wildlife.

10.00 Blackadder II. A bloodthirsty bishop menaces Edmund. (R)

10.30 Mock the Week. Topical comedy quiz, hosted by Dara O Briain. (R)

11.00 What a Load of Buzzcocks. Highlights of the comedy quiz and music news stories from 2004. (R)

11.30 Film: Valhalla Rising. (2009) Premiere. Adventure, starring Mads Mikkelsen.

12.55 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **1.50** Holby City. (R) **2.50** This is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.10** Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan. (R) **7.05** Cannimals. (R) **7.15** Canimals. (R) **7.20** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.30** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **8.00** Sonny with a Chance. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Country House Sunday. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News; Weather. **11.30 Film:** Agatha Christie's The Man in the Brown Suit. (1988) **1.30** Love Your Garden. (R) **2.30** A Touch of Frost. (R) **4.35 Film:** Batteries Not Included. (1987)

6.35 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. Kym Lomas, Rav Wilding and Dennis Taylor answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine, hoping to collect £20,000 for their chosen charity.

8.00 Agatha Christie's Marple. New series. The sleuth confronts dark magic while investigating the death of a fellow holiday-maker in the Caribbean. Julia McKenzie stars, with Antony Sher and Robert Webb.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.15 The Talent Show Story. The history of TV talent contests, beginning with Susan Boyle discussing her breakthrough on BGT, and how Will Young beat Gareth Gates in Pop Idol. (R)

11.20 Drama Trails.

12.15 The Store. **2.15** Monk. (R) **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Kirstie's Vintage Gems. **6.10** The Treacle People. (R) **6.20** The Hoobs. (R) **6.45** The Hoobs. (R) **7.10** Transylvania. **7.35** London Nocturnes. **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** The Simpsons. (R) **2.25 Film:** The Three Musketeers. (1993) **4.25** Deal or No Deal. **5.25** Channel 4 News. **5.55** The Political Slot.

6.00 Film: St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold. (2009) The mischievous schoolgirls hunt for buried treasure after learning their headmistress Miss Fritton is descended from pirates. Comedy sequel, with Rupert Everett and Gemma Arterton.

8.00 Terror in the Skies. Aeronautical engineer Brendan Walker looks at how the reliance on increasingly complex technology in planes could cause pilots to make new kinds of errors.

9.00 The Returned. The French supernatural thriller continues. Simon approaches Adele, only for Thomas to find out about his "return", while Camille finds herself unable to fit back into her family.

10.05 Film: District 9. (2009) A South African bureaucrat gets stranded in an internment camp meant to segregate alien refugees from the human population. Sci-fi, starring Sharlto Copley.

12.10 Film: Hustle & Flow. (2005) **2.10** Southland. (R) **2.55** I Hate That Smile. (R) **3.00** Location, Location, Location. (R) **3.55** Deal or No Deal. (R) **4.50** Countdown. (R) **5.35** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. **6.35** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. **7.00** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.05** Rhubarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Mio Mao. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Tatty's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Jelly Jamm. (R) **10.00** The Mr Men Show. (R) **10.10** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. (R) **10.45** ThunderCats. (R) **11.10** William and Kate: Baby Makes Three. (R) **12.10** Big Brother: Secrets & Lies. (R) **1.10** BBOTS: Ryan's Supersized Celebrity Sunday. **2.10 Film:** Dr Dolittle 3. (2006) **4.00 Film:** Daddy Day Camp. (2007) **5.45** 5 News Weekend. **5.50 Film:** Around the World in 80 Days. (2004)

8.00 Once Upon a Time. Rumpelstiltskin creates a new potion that allows him to cross the town border.

9.00 Big Brother: Secrets & Lies. Daily round-up of highlights.

10.00 Film: As Good as It Gets. (1997) Romantic comedy drama, starring Jack Nicholson and Helen Hunt.

12.45 Campus PD. **1.15** SuperCasino. **4.00** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Fairly Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes IV: May the Fourth Be with You **7.30** Match of the Day Live. Mexico v Italy (Kick-off 8.00pm). **10.00** The Call Centre **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad!

BBC Four
7.00 The Dark Ages: An Age of Light **8.00** The Review Show **9.00** Fathers and Songs: Music for Father's Day **10.00 Film:** My Afternoons with Margueritte (2010) **11.20** What's Going On? The Life and Death of Marvin Gaye

ITV2
2.25 Film: Dragonheart (1996) **4.25** You've Been Framed and Famous! **5.40 Film:** Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace (1999) **8.15 Film:** Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.30** Big Rich Texas **11.50** Hell's Kitchen

ITV3
3.40 Inspector Morse **6.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **8.00** David Jason's Greatest Escapes **9.00 Film:** Meet Joe Black (1998)

ITV4
2.35 Lonesome Dove **6.40 Film:** Escape to Victory (1981) **9.00 Film:** Species III (2004) Sci-fi horror sequel, starring Sunny Mabrey. **11.15** Father's Day **11.40 Film:** McVicar (1980)

E4
4.30 90210 **5.30** The Mindy Project **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** New Girl **8.00 Film:** Hairspray (2007) **10.15** The Inbetweeners **11.15** Alan Carr: Chatty Man

Film4
3.00 Star Trek: Generations (1994) **5.15** Diary of a Wimpy Kid (2010) **7.05** Big Momma's House (2000) **9.00** Frozen (2010) Thriller, starring Emma Bell. **10.50** Saw (2004) Horror, starring Cary Elwes.

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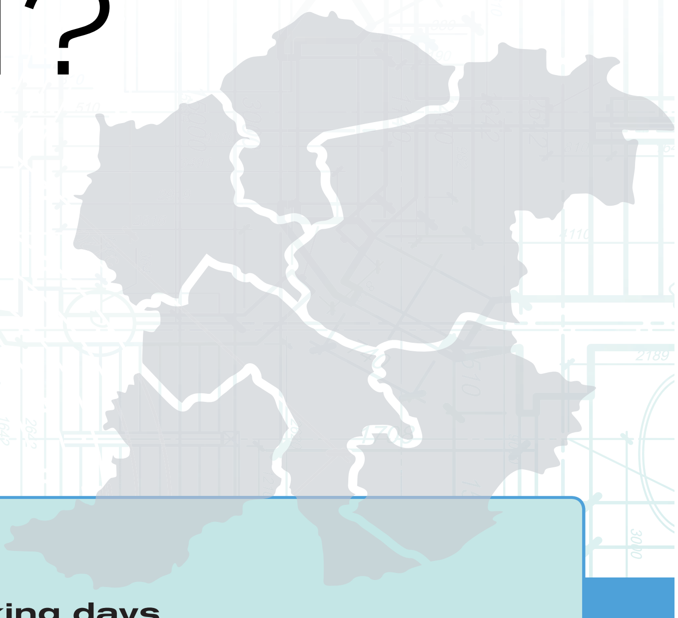

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Film Choices

MONDAY

Green Card, BBC1, 12.05am
A French musician wanting to start a new life in America and a New York woman vie for the perfect flat, only to discover the owner will only rent it out to a married couple. The unlikely pair realise they can solve their problem by getting hitched. However, suspicious immigration officials keep a close eye on them, forcing them to actually live together – and eventually the sham marriage turns into true love. Romantic comedy, with Gerard Depardieu and Andie MacDowell. (1990)

TUESDAY

Biker Boyz, BBC1, 11.35pm
The son of a mechanic killed in a crash is determined to honour his father's memory by becoming a champion motorcycle racer. However, the leader of the underground motorcycle club where his father worked refuses to let him join. Outraged, the young biker assembles his own team and vows to avenge the insult. Action drama, starring Laurence Fishburne, Derek Luke, Orlando Jones and Lisa Bonet. (2003)

Biker Boyz, Tuesday, BBC1, 11.35pm

WEDNESDAY

Flight 93, Channel 4, 2.20am
Fact-based drama about the events aboard the one plane used in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. After learning of the terrifying events at the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon, the passengers realised what was happening and fought back to wrest control of the aircraft. Starring Jeffrey Nordling. (2006)

Columbo: A Stitch in Crime, ITV, 3am
The detective investigates the murder of a nurse, who was about to denounce a renowned cardiac surgeon for planning to murder the colleague helping him design a lucrative life-saving drug. Crime drama, starring Peter Falk, Leonard Nimoy and Will Geer. (1973)

FRIDAY

The Deer Hunter, ITV, 10.35pm
The lives of three American steelworkers and their families are torn apart in the wake of the Vietnam War. After enduring horrific treatment in a prison camp during the conflict, the three friends return to their homes but struggle to readjust to normal life. Oscar-winning drama, starring Robert De Niro, Christopher Walken, Meryl Streep, John Savage and John Cazale. (1978)

The Shipping News, BBC2, 11.05pm
A man struggling to rebuild his life after the death of his emotionally distant wife moves to a small town with his daughter and estranged aunt, where he undergoes a profound journey of self-discovery. Lasse Hallström's drama, starring Kevin Spacey and Julianne Moore. (2001)

Pick of the Week

Bringing Hollywood style to Peterborough

When you think of interior décor, what springs to mind? For most of us, it probably means a new lick of paint, or some wallpapering to cover that unsightly crack on the wall, and maybe, if you're feeling flush, the odd piece of new furniture here and there.

Although it's a profession that's been around for many a moon, probably many of us hadn't paid much attention to the idea of employing such a person until Changing Rooms came along in 1996 and made stars of the likes of Linda Barker, Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen and Anna Ryder Richardson.

For many years, Carol Smillie looked on as they and their colleagues cleared out people's living rooms or bedrooms, took a humble piece of MDF and transformed the place into a palace.

It rarely looked as if their efforts could withstand a gust of air created by a slamming door, but for the five minutes they were on camera, they were pretty good.

Changing Rooms' success meant heaps of copycats series followed in its wake, although in recent years, the home makeover genre has largely fallen out of the spotlight. But that could all be about to change... That's because Martyn Lawrence Bullard is heading to our screens in **Hollywood Me, Channel 4, Wednesday, 8.00pm.**

He's spent years working his way up Los Angeles' society ladder via his profession as an interior designer, and now boasts a client list that includes Elton John, Cher, Ellen Barkin, the Osbournes and Christina Aguilera – eat your heart out, Linda and co!

Martyn has also presented several US shows, and now he's bringing his unique style to the UK for this new, sixpart series – and we're promised that his renovations will please their home's owner, and will be standing for many years to come.

"Martyn is one of Hollywood's most sought-after and flamboyant interior designers and we are delighted that he is bringing his unique touch of eccentricity and celebrity glamour to unsuspecting members of the British public," says Channel 4's Dominic Bird.

Each edition will see Martyn jetting a British resident to California for a makeover, while he transforms their home into a luxury pad. The first episode sees him visit Peterborough, where hard-working mother of quads Emily Bates is in need of some TLC.

In LA, she's taken under the wing of Sharon Osbourne, who takes her on an amazing shopping spree.

Meanwhile, back home, Martyn sets to work, giving Emily's Peterborough pad an injection of Hollywood glamour – but will she be impressed with the results?

Executive producer Rob Butterfield is confident all participants will be thrilled. "With the weather, the economy and the news so gloomy, Hollywood Me brings some much needed La-la Land sunshine, A-List eccentricity and makeovers to die for.

"Martyn is a great interior designer – he's witty, incredibly talented, but a fish out of water working in the UK suburbs rather than the Hollywood Hills.

"And our contributors really do have the times of their lives as they're whisked over to LA for a day of A-list treatments with one of their favourite celebs."

Martyn Lawrence Bullard, Wednesday, Channel 4, 8pm

Best of the Rest

Monday
Long Lost Family
ITV, 9pm
Davina McCall and Nicky Campbell return for this tear-jerking series that reunites, well, long-lost family members. But it's the latter for whom this first episode is going to hit rather close to home. Nicky was adopted as a child, and is now a patron of the British Association for Adoption and Fostering. He meets fireman Alan Ross-Harper who's searching for his birth mother who gave him up for adoption in 1958. Keep the tissues handy, as Davina pays a visit to reunite the mother and son. Meanwhile, 68-year-old Susan Udy is desperate to find the daughter she gave up for adoption when she was 21.

Tuesday
Something for Nothing
Channel 4, 8pm
Times are hard. Of course you don't need that pointing out – you're reminded every time you check your bank balance – which is why this little treat has dropped into the schedules at just the right time. Consumer journalist Harry Wallop is on a mission to find out how to live well, without spending a single penny. He's set himself the challenge of looking good, spending a night on the town and throwing a big shindig for the whole community... on a budget of absolutely nothing. The programme is bursting with tips on how to grab cash-free bargains and features some of the most successful freebie finders in the country, including Martha who bagged herself £26,000 worth of wedding freebies.

Frankie
BBC1, 9pm
Gemma Redgrave is no stranger to medical dramas – she used to be the star of Bramwell, the tale of a pioneering Victorian female doctor, who was constantly been belittled by her male colleagues. However, Frankie has given her a chance to play the snooty medic who's lost touch with her patients' needs for a change, as Dr Evans once again butts heads with our feisty district nurse. In the last in the current series, Frankie is frustrated when Nicky, a patient suffering from systemic lupus is told she is fit to work and has her benefits cut. Meanwhile, Dr Evans' solution is to prescribe her steroids so she can get through a shift at the supermarket.

Wednesday
Rhys Jones's Wildlife Patrol
BBC1, 7.30pm
Rhys Jones is a scientific consultant at Cardiff University who works with the police, wildlife groups and concerned members of the public in the fight to save our animals from humans, and humans from animals. Around half his work takes place in the field, investigating wildlife crime, while the other half is spent dealing with the conflicts caused when humans insist on dealing with the animals themselves. This new series, first broadcast in BBC Wales, follows his investigations into animal cruelty.

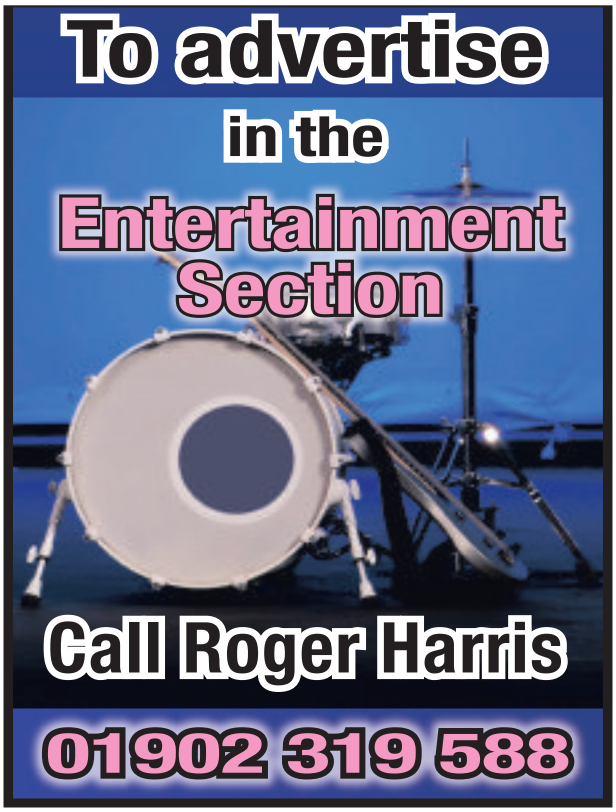
Love and Marriage
ITV, 9pm
Ken (Duncan Preston) fakes illness in an attempt to win Pauline (Alison Steadman) back. However, she ignores his efforts and goes to a posh hotel with new partner Peter. Meanwhile, a cash-strapped Kevin (Stewart Wright) pinches money from a deceased pensioner. When his mistruths finally catch up with him, Sarah (Ashley Jensen) is stunned by the lies and dreads the fact her husband could be heading for prison.

Thursday
Airport Live
BBC2, 8pm
Documentary series Airport finished its run for good way back in 2008 (Jeremy Spake – remember him? – certainly has a lot to be thankful for since the show thrust him into mild celebrity status). However, this latest series of Airport Live has shown that we've not lost our appetite for all things aviation. The team pitch up at Heathrow for the final time, as Dan Snow finds out if he has what it takes to become an air traffic controller, while Anita Rani discovers how planes might offer a quieter future.

Would I Lie to You?, Friday, BBC1, 8.30pm

Friday
Would I Lie to You?
BBC1, 8.30pm
On Super Saturday during the 2012 Olympics, the then little-known Greg Rutherford won gold in the long jump. A year ago, the unassuming sporting hero would probably have laughed if you'd told him that within 12 months he'd be an Olympic champion, have an MBE and be appearing on Would I Lie to You? But here he is, completing the third event in that particular trio. Whether he's as good at fibbing as he is jumping remains to be seen, but he'll be pitting his wits against broadcaster Kirsty Young, actress and writer Joanna Scanlan and German comedian Henning Wehn. As ever, Rob Brydon takes charge, while David Mitchell and Lee Mack are the team captains.

Britain's Secret Homes
ITV, 9pm
Michael Buerk and Bettany Hughes present another edition of the posh homes countdown show featuring 'cutting-edge CGI' (the law for most documentaries these days), while there is also archive footage and dramatic reconstruction. In episode three, Gethin Jones visits a B&B called Bodiwan in North Wales; Homeland actor David Harewood visits Picton House, built by a man who came to Britain as a slave, but ended up as one of the country's richest men, and Rory McGrath visits St Levan's well, a ruined structure on the coast of Cornwall. Plus, Lucinda Lambton learns more about Renishaw Hall near Sheffield, and Ann Widdecombe visits a unique 18th-century abode in Devon.



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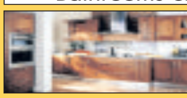

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What's On!

Puzzler

Brain Gym No.225

Codeword

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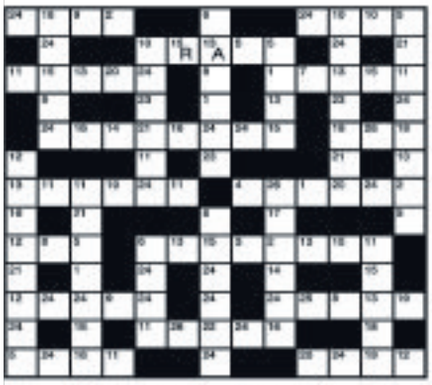

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1 & 10 Across. It's a disadvantage to retreat (4,4)
5. Being in another country, I repeat tax fiddle! (10)
9. Fellow craftsman? (8)
10. See 1 Across
12. Shocking scenes - the gentle touch is needed (6)
14. The record will require only a small amount of time (8)
16. Was consistent with a bad habit at table (6)
17. Gaming piece built to withstand attack (5)
18. A kind of box, but not for clothing (4)
19. Having no rash (8)
21. Those blooming plots! (6-4)
22. A bit of joint ownership for a sizeable community (4)

Down

2. The correct aspect is a matter of precise degree (5-5)
3. To be in full cry? (4)
4. To strike father back causes a shock (6)
5. Current line of fast-moving vehicles (6)
6. Breaks up the orchestras? (8)
7. A number of cards providing a kind of hand (4)
11. Stock market display in which bulls but not bears will feature! (6-4)
13. Sounds as though I scan through the books, but they're a little above the pupils (8)
15. Not a fertile place to leave (6)
17. Mob round the East shouted triumphantly (6)
18. A natural aptitude is present (4)
20. Survive after everybody else (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Blacking (4)
8. Power of command (10)
9. Contour line of equal temperature (9)
10. Uniform (4)
12. Climb (6)
14. To moderate (6)
16. Let (6)
17. Strangeness (6)
18. Sore on the eyelid (4)
19. Middling (8)
21. Merge (10)
22. Require (4)

Down

2. Compatible (10)
3. Blemish (4)
4. Obvious (6)
5. Allow (6)
6. Respected (8)
7. Twirl (4)
11. Voters (10)
13. Coming from the east (8)
16. Lower (6)
17. Severe trial (6)
18. Break suddenly (4)
20. Begin (4)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Aloft; 8 Scraple; 9 Embrace; 10 Totem; 12 False hopes; 15 Interpreto; 16 Looks; 19 Fall out; 21 Athlete; 22 Stree. Down: 1 Career girl; 2 Doubt; 3 Plea; 4 Assess; 5 Contrast; 6 Epitaph; 11 Music stand; 13 Arrested; 14 Atrophy; 16 Rather; 17 Board; 20 Lost. QUICK - Across: 7 Moody; 9 Arbours; 9 Opulent; 10 Tempt; 12 Sentortas; 15 Incendiary; 18 Naive; 19 Undergo; 21 Revolve; 22 Brief. Down: 1 Imposition; 2 Bogus; 3 Type; 4 Hasten; 5 Abattoir; 6 Turmoil; 11 Tonic sol-fa; 13 Tenderly; 14 Achieve; 16 Inured; 17 Train; 20 Dean.

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A VERY spacious family home with views from the front over a golf course in the Warley Woods area is on the market based on offers around the £489,950 region.

Internal inspection is recommended to appreciate the overall size, layout and calibre of accommodation at the house in Harborne Road in Oldbury which benefits from gas central heating and double glazing.

On the ground floor is a WC with wash hand basin and toilet and a lounge,15ft 7in by 15ft,with a feature fireplace with inset and sitting room measuring 16ft 2in by 11ft 6in with double door to the rear garden.

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There is also a fitted dining kitchen, 21ft 6in by 12ft 7in, with a range of wall and base units, work surfaces, display cabinets, one and a half bowl single drainer sink with mixer tap, gas cooker point and cooker hood over, integral dishwasher, dining area and door to a utility with base and wall units, work surface and sink with mixer tap.

On the first floor the master bedroom has an en suite with shower cubicle, WC and wash hand basin, bedroom two has a WC with toiler and wash hand basin and there are two more bedrooms and a bathroom with bath, pedestal wash hand basin and WC.

On the second floor is a fifth bedroom measuring 20ft 4in by 14ft 11in and a study/box room.

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Capethorn Road, Smethwick £109,950

A WELL MAINTAINED three bedroom mid terraced property in the popular and convenient residential location. Having gas central heating and double glazing where specified, the accommodation comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, wet room, two first floor bedrooms, family bathroom. Outside: Alarm has been installed and garden to rear. EPC Rating: Awaiting

Park Road, Bearwood £149,950

A WELL MAINTAINED two bedroom Victorian terraced property within close proximity Lightwoods Park and Warley Woods. Having gas central heating and double glazing where specified, the accommodation comprises: entrance hall, lounge/diner, inner hallway, kitchen, two first floor bedrooms and family bathroom. Outside: garden areas to front and rear. EPC Rating: D

Lightwoods Road, Smethwick £164,950

A RECENTLY RENOVATED AND MUCH IMPROVED three storey, three bedroom mid Victorian terrace in a popular and convenient residential location. Having gas central heating and double glazing where specified, the accommodation comprises: lounge, dining room, inner lobby, kitchen, bathroom and three bedrooms. Outside: garden areas to front and rear. EPC Rating: D

Cemetery Road, Smethwick £110,000

A WELL MAINTAINED AND WELL PRESENTED three bedroom mid terraced property in a popular and convenient residential location, having gas central heating and double glazing where specified, the accommodation comprises: vestibule, lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, three first floor bedrooms, upstairs toilet. Outside: gardens to front and rear. EPC Rating: D

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Hagley Road West, Warley Woods £119,950

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Bearwood Road, Smethwick £139,950

A DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS four bedroom mid town house in a popular and convenient residential location. Having gas central heating and double glazing where specified, the accommodation comprises: entrance hall, dining room, kitchen, cloakroom, to the first floor: lounge, bedroom, bathroom and to the top floor: three bedrooms and bathroom. Outside: garden areas to front and rear. EPC Rating: C

William Road, Smethwick £174,950

A VERY WELL PRESENTED, SPACIOUS three bedroom semi detached period property in a popular and convenient residential location. Having gas central heating and double glazing where specified, the accommodation comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three first floor bedrooms, family bathroom, part converted loft. Outside: parking to front and garden to rear. EPC Rating: Awaiting

Woodbourne Road, Warley Woods £244,950

A WELL MAINTAINED extended detached three bedroom family home in the popular and desirable Warley Woods area. Having gas central heating and double glazing, where specified, the accommodation comprises: entrance porch, entrance hall, through lounge, dining room, third reception room, kitchen, shower room, three first floor bedrooms, family bathroom. Outside: garage, two drives and gardens to front and rear. Easy access to schools and bus routes to city. EPC Rating: E

Oldbury 70/76 Birmingham Street Birmingham B69 4EB

Clifton Close, Oldbury £175,000

EPC AWAITING - An extended three bedroom detached property in CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION, comprising: two reception rooms, extended kitchen, upstairs bathroom, garage and rear garden.

New Birmingham Road, Oldbury £155,000

EPC AWAITING - A three bedroom tradition semi-detached property on the New Birmingham Road with NO UPWARD CHAIN and MUST BE VIEWED TO APPRECIATE. Propery has hallway, downstairs wc, two reception rooms, kitchen, rear garden, off road parking to the front, upstairs bathroom, central heating and double glazing where specified.

Birch Street, Oldbury £139,950

EPC AWAITING - A three bedroom town house. MUST BE VIEWED TO APPRECIATE SIZE! Having two reception rooms, kitchen, utility area, downstairs bathroom, cellar and rear garden. Double glazing and central heating where specified. •NO UPWARD CHAIN•

Tower Road, Oldbury £124,950

EPC AWAITING - A modernised three bedroom semi-detached property in a POPULAR RESIDENTIAL LOCATION. Property comprises of lounge, kitchen diner, upstairs bathroom, outdoor wc, rear garden, generous off road parking, double glazing and central heating. VIEWING IS ADVISED.

Trafalgar Road, Oldbury £119,950

EPC AWAITING - IN A POPULAR RESIDENTIAL AREA is this traditional three bedroom semi-detached property comprising of two reception rooms, kitchen, shower room, front and rear gardens, off road parking. Double glazing and central heating where specified. NO UPWARD CHAIN.

Uplands Avenue, Rowley Regis £119,950

EPC AWAITING - A traditional three bedroom mid town house with NO UPWARD CHAIN and comprising of lounge, extended kitchen/diner, upstairs bathroom, rear garden, double garage to rear with rear access and off road parking to front. Double glazing and central heating where specified.

Albright Road, Oldbury £114,950

EPC AWAITING - A DOUBLE FRONTED 3 bedroom semi-detached property with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having lounge, kitchen diner, 3 bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, downstairs wc, front and rear gardens, double glazing and central heating where specified.

Throne Crescent, Rowley Regis £90,000

EPC AWAITING - An extended three bedroom end terraced property IN A POPULAR RESIDENTIAL AREA comprising of through lounge, kitchen/diner, bathroom, front and rear gardens. NO UPWARD CHAIN.

Trafalgar Court, Oldbury £35,000

A purpose built first floor flat with one bedroom, kitchen, bathroom, communal gardens and garage. Double glazing where specified. NO UPWARD CHAIN.

Regent Drive, Oldbury £104,950

EPC D - A TRADITIONAL THREE BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED IN CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION WITH NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having through lounge, extended kitchen, upstairs bathroom, rear garden and off road parking. Viewing is advised.

Mallard Drive, Oldbury £55,000

EPC D - A one bedroom ground floor apartment set in a CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION having lounge, kitchen, shower room, allocated parking space and communal gardens. NO UPWARD CHAIN.

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Florence Road, Tipton £99,950

A well presented three bedroom mid-terrace property briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) porch entrance, entrance hall, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen, first floor shower room, enclosed rear garden, drive-way providing off road parking. Upon reservation a non refundable deposit will be required. Energy Rating TBA.

Teal Grove, Wednesbury £109,950

Situated in a popular location near to Moorcroft Wood local nature reserve a modern style two bedroom end-terrace property benefiting from uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) entrance hallway, fitted kitchen, lounge, first floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden, two allocated parking spaces. Energy Rating TBA.

Jenkinson Road, Wednesbury £144,950

A well presented extended three bedroom semi-detached property briefly comprising of, Gas central heating and uPVC double glazing (as specified) porch, entrance hallway, lounge/dining area, fitted kitchen, first floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden, off road parking, detached double garage. Energy Rating TBA.

Hawthorn Road, Wednesbury £125,000

EARLY INSPECTION ADVISED to appreciate this well presented and much improved three bedroom semi detached property briefly comprising of reception hallway, l-shaped lounge, fitted kitchen, first floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden and driveway providing off road parking. Energy Rating D.

Goldby Drive, Wednesbury £140,000

An immaculately presented three storey mid townhouse briefly comprising of uPVC double glazing and central heating (as specified), ground floor shower-room, open plan fitted kitchen and lounge, en-suite to master bedroom, family bathroom, three bedrooms, enclosed rear garden, garage and drive-way. Energy Rating C.

Franchise Street, Wednesbury £170,000

A double fronted traditional style three bedroom family residence offering spacious living accommodation briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) entrance hall, sitting room, lounge, dining area, fitted breakfast kitchen, ground floor shower room, first floor family bathroom, enclosed rear garden, garage and drive-way. Energy Rating TBA.

Cranleigh, Wood Green Road, Wednesbury £255,000

A substantial three bedroom semi-detached residence conscientiously improved by it's current owners offering an abundance of character and charm. Retaining many original features the property briefly comprises of entrance hallway, two reception rooms, re-fitted breakfast kitchen and re-fitted bathroom. Energy Rating E.

Goldby Drive, Wednesbury £192,950

A well presented three bedroom extended detached property briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) entrance hallway, guest cloakroom, lounge with dining area, fitted kitchen, en-suite to master bedroom, garage and drive-way providing off road parking. No upward chain. Energy Rating C.

Vicarage Road, Wednesbury £199,950

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Shropshire Way, West Bromwich £55,000

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Hallam Street, West Bromwich £135,000

A large 3 bedroom end terrace property briefly comprising of 2 reception rooms open kitchen/diner,central heating, double glazing garage, downstairs bathroom,first floor WC. NO UPWARD CHAIN - Energy Rating E

Bedford Road, West Bromwich £135,000

A modern 2 bedroom detached bungalow,briefly comprising of conservatory, off road parking,central heating,double glazing,rear garden - Energy Rating C

Charlesmont Avenue, West Bromwich £240,000

An extended 4 bedroom semi detached traditional property,briefly comprising of reception room,central heating,double glazing, en-suite,family bathroom,conservatory, garage, off road parking. Energy Rating D.

Perry Street, Smethwick £120,000

A 2 bedroom semi detached property, briefly comprising of central heating, double glazing, reception room, kitchen,bathroom, off road parking - Energy Rating D

Vowles Road, West Bromwich £155,000

A 4 bedroom mid terrace town house property,briefly comprising of 1 reception room,central heating,double glazing,2 en-suites,family bathroom,off road parking,downstairs cloakroom,garage - Energy Rating C

Rayford Drive, West Bromwich £145,000

A 3 bedroom semi detached property,briefly comprising of open plan kitchen/diner,reception room,conservatory,off road parking, double glazing, central heating and garage - Energy Rating E

Walsall Road, West Bromwich £170,000

A 3 bedroom detached bungalow,briefly comprising of reception room, kitchen,bathroom,garage,electric heating,rear garden - Energy Rating to be confirmed

Burlington Road, West Bromwich £119,000

A 3 bedroom mid terrace property,briefly comprising of double glazing, central heating, 2 reception rooms,extended kitchen,downstairs bathroom,loft room,rear garden - Energy Rating D

Brindley Road, West Bromwich £119,950

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Dudley
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- Modern two bed property
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- GCH
- Rear garden
- ORP
- Sedgley office
- Energy Rating - C

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Tipton
Toll End Road

- Two bed first floor aprt
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- Lounge with juliette balcony
- Fully fitted kitchen with appliances
- Bathroom with bath and shower
- Communal garden with parking
- Energy Rating - B
- Great Brige office

£495pcm

Tipton
Bedford Street

- Two bed first floor apartment
- Hall, lounge
- Electric heating
- DG & ORP
- Fully fitted kitchen
- Bathroom with shower
- Alarmed
- Energy Rating - C

£450pcm

Kingswinford
Maidensbridge Road

- Ground floor flat
- Communal gardens
- Large double bedroom
- Bathroom with shower
- Useful internal storage area
- Energy Rating - D
- Must be viewed!
- Great Bridge office

£450pcm

Dudley
Quentin Drive

- Three bed detached property
- CH & DG
- Fitted kitchen with oven and hob
- Large downstairs W/C
- Garage and ORP
- Alarmed
- Energy Rating - E
- Great Bridge

£660pcm

Dudley
Queens Road

- Four bedroom semi
- DG and CH
- Lounge with extended sitting room
- Extended breakfast kitchen
- Ground floor WC
- Bathroom with shower
- Single garage
- Energy Rating - E

£650pcm

Tipton
Wenyon Close

- Spacious detached house
- CH and DG
- Three bedrooms
- Kitchen with oven and hob
- Family bathroom
- Two ORP spaces
- Rear garden
- Energy Rating - D

£600pcm

Moxley
High Street

- Spacious three bed link detached house
- GCH & DG. Kitchen with appliances
- Living room
- French doors to garden
- Bathroom with bath & shower
- ORP & Garage
- Great Bridge office
- Must be viewed!

£595pcm

West Bromwich
Tame Street

- Three bed family home
- CH & DG
- Kitchen with gas cooker
- Bath and Shower
- facilities
- Conservatory
- Garage
- Energy Rating - E

£575pcm

Dudley
Madison Avenue

- Three bed town house
- Located opp Westfield Shopping Centre
- Lounge
- Downstairs WC
- Fully fitted kitchen
- Master bedroom is ensuite
- Allocated parking
- Energy Rating - B

£550pcm

Tipton
Mayfair Gardens

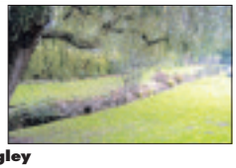
- Detached two bed bungalow
- GCH and DG
- Single rear garage
- Bathroom with shower
- Kitchen with cooker and fridge
- Rear garden
- Energy Rating - D

£550pcm

West Bromwich
Tame Street

- Three bed detached house
- Quiet cul-de-sac location
- CH & DG
- Kitchen with appliances
- Bathroom with shower
- Private rear garden
- ORP
- Energy Rating - C

£550pcm



Hagley
Millpool Close

- Two bed groud floor apartment
- Kitchen with appliances
- Bathroom with bath and shower
- Garage and parking space
- Energy Rating - D
- Great Bridge office
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Tipton
Powis Avenue

- Three bed semi
- Unfurnished
- DG and GCH
- Fully fitted kitchen
- Bathroom with bath and separate WC
- Driveway and garage parking
- Energy Rating - E
- Available immediately

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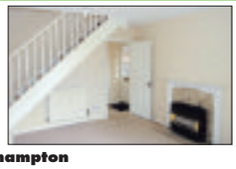
Bilston
Rose Street

- Spacious Three Bed Semi
- GCH & DG
- Ground floor bathroom
- UPVC DG and GCH
- Fitted kitchen with electric cooker
- Integral garage
- ORP
- Energy Rating - D

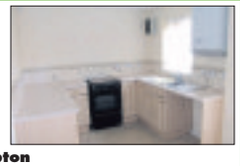
£500pcm



Wolverhampton
Shaylor Grove

- Two bed semi
- Fully fitted kitchen with new cooker
- Unfurnished
- GCH
- Energy Rating - D
- Available immediately
- Great Bridge office

£475pcm



Tipton
Leveson Drive

- Modern mid terrace property
- Fitted kitchen/diner with cooker
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom with bath & shower
- Off road parking
- Front and rear garden
- Energy Rating - D

£475pcm

Bilston
Bunkers Hill Lane

- Three bed semi detached
- Rear lobby with shower
- Breakfast kitchen
- DG & CH
- ORP
- Energy Rating - E

£450pcm

Dudley
Sedgley Road

- One bed first floor aprt
- CH and DG
- Kitchen with appliances
- Double bedroom with fitted wardrobes
- Energy Rating - E
- Great Bridge office
- Must be viewed!
- 0121 520 2255

£425pcm

Tividale
Elm Terrace

- Two bed semi
- Unfurnished
- DG and GCH
- Fitted kitchen with cooker
- Bathroom with bath and shower
- Rear garden with shed
- Energy Rating - D
- 0121 520 2255

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Tipton
Bonneville Close

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West Bromwich

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OIEO £75,000

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West Bromwich

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£100,000

West Bromwich

Farhill Close
Well presented terraced property. Briefly comprising of One Reception Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. Energy Rating 61 (D)
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Horsecroft Drive
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OIEO £105,000

Tipton

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Well presented semi detached property. Briefly comprising of One Reception Room, Two Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Off Road Parking, Detached Garage, Central Heating and Double Glazing Where Specified. Energy Rating 71 (C)
£110,000

West Bromwich

Allerton Lane
Semi Detached property. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Dining Room, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Good Sized Rear Garden, Large Driveway, Double Glazing and Central Heating. Energy Rating 65 (D)
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Wednesbury

Roberts Road
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Birmingham

Thetford Road
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£190,000

West Bromwich

Malvern Close
Executive detached dormer bungalow. Briefly comprising of Three Bedrooms, One Reception Room, Kitchen Diner, Cloakroom, Family Bathroom, Off Road Parking, Front and Rear Gardens, Garage With Forecourt, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. Energy Rating 48 (E)
£220,000

West Bromwich

Walsall Road
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£225,000

West Bromwich

Kinights Way
Well presented semi-detached dorma bungalow. Briefly comprising of Three Bedrooms to the ground floor and One being in the dorma, Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Family Bathroom, Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking, Central Heating and Double Glazing Where Specified. Viewing essential to appreciate this property. Energy Rating 55 (D)
£240,000

West Bromwich

Dagger Lane
Well presented semi-detached property. Briefly comprising of Four Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Room, Down Stairs Cloakroom, Four Bedrooms, Garage, Off Road Parking, Rear Garden, Double Glazing and Central Heating Where Specified. Viewing essential to appreciate this property. Energy Rating 54 (E)
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Tipton

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5 HERBERT ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Superbly presented
- Gas centrally heated and mostly double glazed
- Close to Warley Woods and Lightwoods Park
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- Bathroom and shower room
- Vestibule and hall with minton tiled floor
- Lounge and dining room
- Beautifully presented garden
- INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE APPRECIATED

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NORMAN ROAD, SMETHWICK

- Freehold semi-detached property
- Close to Bearwood and Smethwick town centres
- Centrally heated
- Virtually PVC double glazed throughout
- Three bedrooms and bathroom
- Hall, two reception rooms and kitchen
- Providing ideal family accommodation
- ENERGY RATING:E

Offers based on £121,500

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HARVEST ROAD, SMETHWICK

- Freehold semi-detached property
- Centrally heated and double glazed
- Three bedrooms and shower room
- Hall, lounge and kitchen/breakfast room
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Off-street parking
- All serious offers considered.
- ENERGY RATING: D

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LINCOLN ROAD, SMETHWICK

- Easy reach comprehensive day-to-day amenities to include Bearwood High Street and Warley Woods
- Traditional freehold semi-detached residence
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Much improved accommodation
- Three bedrooms & fully tiled well appointed bathroom
- Hall, lounge, refitted dining/kitchen, laundry/utility and downstairs W.C.
- Laid out gardens & off-street parking for two cars
- MUCH IMPROVED THROUGHOUT
- ENERGY RATING: E

Offers based on £112,950

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NEW!

31 MAYNARD ROAD, EDGBASTON

- First floor modern apartment
- Gas centrally heated
- PVC double glazed
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Open plan kitchen/lounge diner
- Allocated parking space
- Easy access to City Centre
- ENERGY RATING : B

Offers based on £74,950

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REDUCED

26 BLACKTHORNE ROAD, SMETHWICK

- Deceptively spacious end town house
- Quiet cul-de-sac
- Gas centrally heated & part PVC double glazed
- Three bedrooms and bathroom
- Hall, dining room, lounge and kitchen
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Brick verandah
- Off-street parking for two/three cars
- ENERGY RATING : D

Offers based on £115,000

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NEW!

77 RATHBONE ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed
- Two double bedrooms and bathroom
- Hall, through lounge/dining room and kitchen
- INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE APPRECIATED
- ENERGY RATING : E

Offers based on £134,000

Viewing: Bearwood Office

MONMOUTH ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Close to Warley Woods and Lightwoods Park
- Gas centrally heated
- Virtually PVC double glazed throughout (except utility window)
- Through lounge/dining room
- Refitted kitchen/breakfast room and utility
- Neatly laid out garden to the rear
- Off-street parking for one/two cars
- Providing an ideal family home
- ENERGY RATING : E

Offers based on £234,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

FLORENCE ROAD, OLDBURY

- Freehold mid-terraced property
- Close to Smethwick High Street & Cape Hill
- Virtually PVC double glazed throughout
- Gas centrally heated
- Two double bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Gardens and garage
- IDEAL FIRST TIME BUYERS
- ENERGY RATING : D

Offers based on £92,500

Viewing: Bearwood Office

15 ANDERSON ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Traditional freehold terraced villa
- Gas centrally heated and part double glazed
- Many original features to include fireplaces, windows, etc.
- FOUR double bedrooms
- Spacious well appointed bathroom with individual shower
- Attractive lounge, dining/kitchen and separate laundry/utility room
- Ornamental garden at rear

Offers based on £154,500

Viewing via Bearwood Office

32 MERRIVALE ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Recently refurbished mid-terraced villa
- Gas centrally heated
- Virtually PVC double glazed throughout
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Through lounge/dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- INTERNAL INSPECTION TO BE APPRECIATED

Offers based on £124,950

Viewings: Bearwood Office

93 BARCLAY ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Sought after location directly facing Warley Woods
- Substantial villa residence with many traditional features
- Gas centrally heated & double glazed virtually throughout
- Through hall, inter-communicating lounge and dining room
- Excellent refitted kitchen/breakfast room
- Family room with separate fully tiled shower room, ideal for GRANNY FLAT OR SIMILAR
- Three double bedrooms and half tiled bathroom
- Loft conversion providing occasional bedroom, games room or similar
- Established gardens
- Good on-street parking
- ENERGY RATING : E

Offers based on £249,750

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MILCOTE ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Gas centrally heated and double glazed
- Two bedrooms and refitted bathroom
- Two living rooms & kitchen
- Mature gardens
- Ideal FTBs
- ENERGY RATING : D

Offers based on £119,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

77 BOWDEN ROAD, SMETHWICK

- Gas centrally heated
- PVC double glazed (except one window)
- Three bedrooms
- Through lounge/dining room
- Nicely presented
- Ideal first time buyers
- ENERGY RATING : D

Offers based on £107,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

26 SABELL ROAD, SMETHWICK, B67 7PN
Recently refurbished mid terraced property located in Smethwick close to the main high street, being gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed with accommodation to include 2 bedrooms, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen with cooker, refitted bathroom, garden.

A prospective tenant will be required to pay an application fee of £100.00 and an administration fee of £60.00 when applying for this property. If more than one tenant is applying an additional fee of £50.00 per applicant is payable.
Unfurnished : £450.00 per calendar month (£550.00 deposit) Energy rating: D

23 SEYMOUR ROAD, OLDBURY, B69 4EP
Well presented mid terraced property located in Oldbury offering gas central heating and PVC double glazing with accommodation to include 3 bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, refitted kitchen to include cooker, bathroom and garden to the rear.

A prospective tenant will be required to pay an application fee of £100.00 and an administration fee of £60.00 when applying for this property. If more than one tenant is applying an additional fee of £50.00 per applicant is payable.
Unfurnished: £495.00 per calendar month (£550.00 deposit) Energy Rating: C

400A BEARWOOD ROAD, BEARWOOD, B66 4EX
A well presented first/second floor flat located on the main Bearwood Road, offering electric storage heating and PVC double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, shower room, hall, kitchen and spacious lounge.

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Unfurnished : £550.00 per calendar month (£600.00 deposit) Energy Rating : E

13 ASHES ROAD, OLDBURY, B68 8AJ
Located in close proximity to the main Wolverhampton Road in Oldbury, this corner semi detached property offers gas central heating and PVC double glazing with accommodation to include 3 bedrooms, shower room, hall, spacious lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, garden to the front and rear.

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Furnished/Part Furnished/Unfurnished : £550.00 per calendar month (£600.00 deposit)
Energy Rating: TBC

11 NOBLE HOUSE, ANDERSON ROAD, BEARWOOD, B66 4AQ
Located just off Bearwood High Street providing easy access to Birmingham city centre. The accommodation being gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed includes 2 bedrooms, shower room, lounge, fully fitted kitchen to include hob, oven, fridge freezer. Laminated flooring.

A prospective tenant will be required to pay an application fee of £100.00 and an administration fee of £60.00 when applying for this property. If more than one tenant is applying an additional fee of £50.00 per applicant is payable.
Unfurnished: £475.00 per calendar month (£475.00 deposit) Energy Rating: B

14 FLORENCE ROAD, SMETHWICK, B66 4QT
A well presented mid terraced property located in Smethwick being gas centrally heated and mostly PVC double glazed with accommodation to include 2 double bedrooms, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen with cooker and fridge, bathroom, garden to rear.

A prospective tenant will be required to pay an application fee of £100.00 and an administration fee of £60.00 when applying for this property. If more than one tenant is applying an additional fee of £50.00 per applicant is payable.
Unfurnished : £425.00 per calendar month (£500.00 deposit) Energy Rating: D

379 CITY ROAD, FIRST FLOOR FLAT, EDGBASTON, B17 8LD
Recently refurbished first floor flat, providing easy access to Birmingham city centre, having gas central heating and PVC double glazing with accommodation to include 2 bedrooms, spacious lounge, fitted kitchen with cooker and fridge freezer, shower room and communal gardens.

A prospective tenant will be required to pay an application fee of £100.00 and an administration fee of £60.00 when applying for this property. If more than one tenant is applying an additional fee of £50.00 per applicant is payable.
Unfurnished: £425.00 per calendar month (£500.00 deposit) Energy Rating: TBC

7 VENTNOR CLOSE, OLDBURY, B68 0DH
A most attractively presented and quietly situated modern ground floor maisonette, offering double glazed fully heated and alarmed accommodation to include two bedrooms, refitted fully tiled and well appointed bathroom with shower, spacious lounge, fitted kitchen with fridge freezer and washing machine, gardens to front and rear. Available 7th July 2013.

A prospective tenant will be required to pay an application fee of £100.00 and an administration fee of £60.00 when applying for this property. If more than one tenant is applying an additional fee of £50.00 per applicant is payable.
Unfurnished: £525.00 per calendar month (£600.00 deposit) Energy Rating: E

18 BISHOPTON ROAD, BEARWOOD, B67 5DS
A traditional freehold villa residence offering gas centrally heated, alarmed and mostly double glazed accommodation to include two double bedrooms, good size refitted bathroom with shower, dining room, lounge, refitted kitchen and gardens.

A prospective tenant will be required to pay an application fee of £100.00 and an administration fee of £60.00 when applying for this property. If more than one tenant is applying an additional fee of £50.00 per applicant is payable.
Furnished: £650.00 per calendar month (£700.00 deposit) Energy Rating: D

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- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)

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- Family bathroom
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- En suite to master
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- Stand alone detached in good plot

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NEW

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WEST BROMWICH

- Four bedroom semi detached
- Lounge and dining kitchen
- Downstairs WC
- En suite to master bedroom
- Family bathroom

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NEW

WILLIAM BARROWS WAY
TIPTON

- Modern four bedroom semi detached
- Lounge and kitchen diner
- Downstairs WC and en suite to master bedroom
- Upstairs family bathroom
- Off road parking

£169,995

NEW

WILDAY CLOSE
TIPTON

- EPC Rating C
- Three bedroom semi detached
- Lounge with archway to dining room
- Conservatory
- En suite to master bedroom

£147,995

NEW

WHITEHOUSE STREET
TIPTON

- Three bedroom mid terrace
- Through lounge/dining room
- Downstairs WC
- Fitted kitchen
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)

£123,500

NEW

CINQUEFOIL LEASOWE
TIPTON

- Modern two bedroom end terrace
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)

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NEW

SCOTT STREET
TIPTON

- Superior ground floor apartment
- Two double bedrooms with en suite to master
- Spacious lounge with bay
- Fitted kitchen with appliances
- Double glazing and electric heating

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NEW

LEVESON DRIVE
TIPTON

- Two bedroom mid terrace
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Upstairs family bathroom
- Double glazing and central heating (where specified)

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SUTTON CRESCENT
WEST BROMWHICH

- EPC Rating C
- One bedroom ground floor apartment
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Utility room

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DUDLEY ROAD

- EPC Rating D
- Three/five bedroom mid terrace period property
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)

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PUPPY GREEN
TIPTON

- EPC Rating D
- Modern three bedroom semi detached
- Through lounge/dining room
- Conservatory
- Fitted kitchen

£149,995

BOSWELL CLOSE
WEDNESBURY

- EPC Rating E
- Three/four bedroom semi detached dormer bungalow
- Lounge and kitchen
- Dining room
- Family bathroom plus en suite

£149,995

EDWARD FISHER DRIVE
TIPTON

- Energy Rating D
- Three bedroom end terrace
- Lounge and dining room
- Downstairs WC
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)

WAS £129,995 NOW £124,995

KEYWORTH CLOSE
TIPTON

- Energy Rating C
- Two bedroom modern semi detached
- Lounge & Dining kitchen
- En suite to master bedroom

£109,995

KIERS BRIDGE CLOSE
TIPTON

- Energy rating D
- Modern two bedroom semi detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen diner
- Family bathroom

£104,995

TIPTON
QUEENS ROAD

- EPC Rating C
- Three bedroom semi detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen diner
- Conservatory

£104,950

ASTLEY CLOSE
TIPTON

- EPC Rating C
- Modern two bedroom semi detached
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Conservatory

£102,500

BIRMINGHAM NEW ROAD
TIPTON

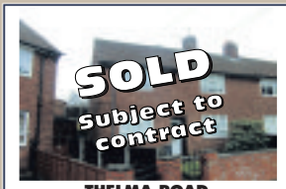
- EPC Rating E
- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Lounge Diner
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Double Glazing and Central Heating (where specified)

£119,995

ST MARKS ROAD
TIPTON

- EPC Rating D
- Three bedroom end terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom with separate WC
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)

£79,995



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TIPTON

- EPC Rating E
- First floor two bedroom flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Gas fired central heating (where specified)

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PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

WEST BROMWICH
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- VERY WELL PROPORTIONED FAMILY SEMI
- THREE EXCELLENT BEDROOMS, MASTER FITTED
- SPACIOUS LOUNGE, DINING KITCHEN & CONSERVATORY
- GENEROUS PLOT HAS CARAVAN PARKING & GARAGE. EPC RATING C

OFFERS OVER £145,000

FEATURED PROPERTY

WEDNESBURY
CHERRY LANE

- SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW
- ONE DOUBLE BEDROOM
- LOUNGE, KITCHEN & UTILITY ROOM
- CENTRAL HEATING & DOUBLE GLAZING, EPC RATING D

OFFERS £89,950

MANAGER'S CHOICE

WEDNESBURY
SHAFTESBURY ROAD

- THREE BED EXTENDED SEMI DETACHED
- THROUGH LOUNGE/DINING ROOM
- OPEN PLAN FITTED KITCHEN, DOWNSTAIRS WC
- CENTRAL HEATING & DOUBLE GLAZING. EPC RATING D

OFFERS OVER £149,950

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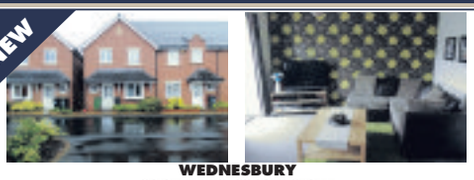
WEDNESBURY
LEA AVENUE

- FAMILY SEMI CLOSE TO SCHOOLS & AMENITIES
- THREE REALLY GOOD BEDROOMS
- LOUNGE & DINING KITCHEN
- GENEROUS PLOT WITH ENCLOSED, SUNNY GARDEN
- DOUBLE GLAZED & NEW CENTRAL HEATING
- OFF ROAD PARKING & GARAGE. EPC D

OFFERS £124,950



WEDNESBURY
SPIRIT MEWS, COBDEN STREET

- MODERN STYLE THREE BED END TOWN HOUSE
- LOUNGE & BREAKFAST KITCHEN
- DOWNSTAIRS WC & UPSTAIRS BATHROOM
- CENTRAL HEATING & DOUBLE GLAZING
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN IN GATED DEVELOPMENT
- NO UPWARD CHAIN, EPC C

OFFERS £128,000

WEDNESBURY
KING STREET

- SUPERIOR GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT
- FORMER SHOW HOME, IMMACULATE THROUGHOUT
- TWO BEDROOMS, EN SUITE TO MASTER
- SPACIOUS, AIRY LOUNGE WITH PICTURE WINDOW
- FITTED KITCHEN WITH APPLIANCES
- NO UPWARD CHAIN EPC B

OFFERS £96,950

WEDNESBURY
CHURCHFIELDS ROAD

- EXTENDED FOUR BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED
- LOUNGE & DINING ROOM
- EXTENDED KITCHEN
- GARAGE & DRIVEWAY
- FRONT & REAR GARDENS. EPC E

OFFERS £159,950

WEDNESBURY
MYVOD ROAD

- TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED
- THROUGH LOUNGE/DINING ROOM
- KITCHEN
- DOUBLE GLAZING & CENTRAL HEATING
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- REAR GARDEN. EPC RATING D

OFFERS £104,995

WEDNESBURY
PEACOCK ROAD

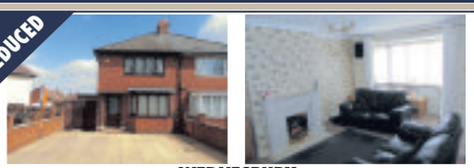
- THREE BEDROOMS SEMI DETACHED
- LOUNGE & KITCHEN
- MAJORITY DOUBLE GLAZING
- GAS FIRED CENTRAL HEATING
- OFF ROAD PARKING & REAR GARDEN
- EPC RATING D

OFFERS £79,995

WEDNESBURY
TAME CROSSING

- IMPRESSIVE DETACHED FAMILY HOME
- THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS MASTER WITH EN SUITE
- LOUNGE, DINING ROOM & KITCHEN
- CONSERVATORY & WC
- BELLWAY BUILT WITH BALANCE OF NHBC. EPC RATING C

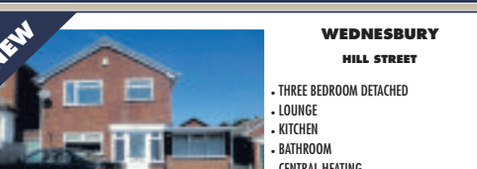
OFFERS £194,950



WEDNESBURY
PRINCE GEORGE ROAD

- WELL PROPORTIONED THREE BED SEMI DETACHED
- LOUNGE & FITTED KITCHEN
- DOWNS STAIRS SHOWER ROOM
- CENTRAL HEATING
- DOUBLE GLAZING
- OFF ROAD PARKING. EPC RATING D

OFFERS £106,995



WEDNESBURY
HILL STREET

- THREE BEDROOM DETACHED
- LOUNGE
- KITCHEN
- BATHROOM
- CENTRAL HEATING
- DOUBLE GLAZING
- OFF ROAD PARKING

OFFERS £139,950

WEST BROMWICH
BROMFORD LANE

- THREE BED MID TERRACE
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- DOWNSTAIRS BATHROOM
- CENTRAL HEATING & DOUBLE GLAZING
- REAR GARDEN & NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING D

£95,000

WEDNESBURY
HOBS ROAD

- THREE BED SEMI DETACHED
- LOUNGE & KITCHEN
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- CENTRAL HEATING & DOUBLE GLAZING
- OFF STREET PARKING. EPC RATING F

OFFERS £99,950

DARLASTON
HUGHES ROAD

- SPACIOUS MID TERRACE
- FOUR GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS
- LOUNGE & DINING ROOM
- KITCHEN
- DOWNSTAIRS WC & UPSTAIRS BATHROOM
- NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING D

OFFERS £105,000

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Pound Road, Wednesbury NEW

- A 2 Bedroom End Terrace Home
- Good Investment Potential (possible yield of 6.86%)
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- EPC Rating: E, Reception Hall

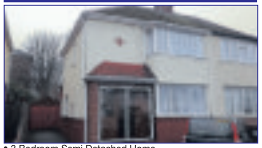
OFFERS AROUND: £85,000
Viewing:

Booth Road, Wednesbury NEW

- A 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazed (as spec.)
- No Upward Chain!
- EPC Rating: TBC, Reception Hall & Guest WC

OFFERS AROUND: £90,000
Viewing:

Darby Road, Wednesbury



- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Mostly Double Glazed
- No Chain!
- Energy Rating F, Easy Access to Wednesbury Town Centre

OFFERS AROUND: £90,000
Viewing:

Bagnall Street, Tipton

- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Requring General Upgrade Throughout
- No Chain!
- EPC Rating: E, Reception Hall

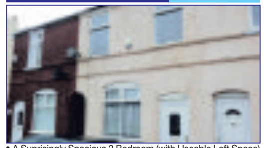
OFFERS AROUND: £85,000
Viewing:

Booth Street, Darlaston NEW

- A Near New 4 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Reception Hall & Guest WC
- EPC Rating: TBC, Lounge

OFFERS AROUND: £155,000
Viewing:

Cook Street, Wednesbury NEW



- A Suprisingly Spacious 2 Bedroom (with Useable Loft Space)
- No Chain
- Gas Central Heating
- EPC Rating: D, Partially Double Glazed

OFFERS AROUND: £65,000
Viewing:

Sandy Lane, Wednesbury NEW

- A 3 Bedroom Semi
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing (as spec.)
- EPC Rating: TBC, No Upward Chain!

OFFERS AROUND: £100,000
Viewing:

Kent Road, Wednesbury

- A 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Offered with No Chain!
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- EPC Rating: D, Excellent First Time Buy

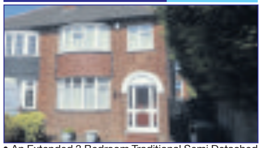
OFFERS AROUND: £100,000
Viewing:

Oaktree Road, Wednesbury

- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Corner Plot
- No Chain!
- Energy Rating F, Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)

OFFERS OVER: £102,000
Viewing:

Scott Avenue, Wednesbury NEW



- An Extended 3 Bedroom Traditional Semi Detached
- Gas Central Heating & Partial Double Glazing
- Reception Hall
- EPC Rating: TBC, Lounge & Separate Dining Room

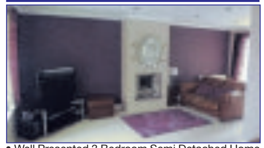
OFFERS AROUND: £145,000
Viewing:

Church Hill, Wednesbury

- A 3 Bedroom Detached Home
- No Upward Chain!
- Short Walk to Wednesbury Town Centre
- EPC Rating: F, Prominent & Spacious Corner Plot

OFFERS AROUND: £170,000
Viewing:

Hawthorn Road, Wednesbury



- Well Presented 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as spec.)
- No Upward Chain!
- EPC Rating: D, Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: £125,000
Viewing:

Avern Close, Tipton

- Beautiful modern end terrace with garage
- gas central heating + superbly presented accommodation
- ideal first time purchase
- 2 bedrooms, epc rating C

OFFERS AROUND: £99,995
Viewing:

Geneva Road, Tipton

- Improved End Terrace
- UPVc Double Glazing + Gas Central heating (combi boiler)
- 3 bedrooms
- , epc rating D

OFFERS AROUND: £96,995
Viewing:

Florence Road, Tipton

- Immaculate middle terrace
- viewing strongly recommneded
- gas central heating + upvc double glazing (most windows)
- 3 bedrooms, epc rating TBC

OFFERS AROUND: £99,950
Viewing:

Tipton, Bagnall Street

- semi detached bungalow
- upvc double glazing + gas central heating
- improved well presented accommodation + no upward chain
- epc rating TBC
- lounge
- fitted kitchen
- 2 bedrooms
- modern fitted shower room, garage

£139,950
Viewing
OFFERS AROUND:

Glebefields Road, Tipton

- semi detached 3 bedrooms
- loft conversion
- upvc double glazing + gas central heating
- epc rating D, 3 bedrooms

OFFERS AROUND: £124,950
Viewing:

Astley Close, Tipton

- modern semi detached
- upvc double glazing + gas central heating
- ideal starter home
- 2 bedrooms, epc rating C

OFFERS AROUND: £96,995
Viewing:

Bagnall Street, West Bromwich

- middle terrace
- upvc double glazing + gas central heating
- improved spacious accommodation
- 2 bedrooms + modern fitted bathroom, epc rating E

OFFERS AROUND: £84,950
Viewing:

Park Lane East, Tipton

- middle terrace
- gas central heating
- no upeard chain
- 3 bedrooms, epc rating D

OFFERS AROUND: £69,950
Viewing:

Birmingham New Road, Tipton

- traditional semi detached
- upvc double glazing + gas central heating
- no upward chain + in need of repair / attention
- 3 bedrooms, epc rating TBC

OFFERS AROUND: £79,950
Viewing:

Kidd Croft, Tipton

- modern extended semi detached
- upvc double glazing
- gas central heating + no upward chain
- dining room, extended to side

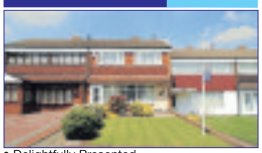
OFFERS AROUND: £103,950
Viewing:

York Close, Tipton

- Modern Detached
- upvc double glazing + gas central heating
- garage conversion + cul de sac location + no upward chain
- 3 bedrooms, epc rating D

OFFERS AROUND: £159,950
Viewing:

Whittington Close, West Bromwich NEW



- Delightfully Presented
- Three Bedrooms
- Superb Breakfast Kitchen
- Energy Rating, Downstairs WC

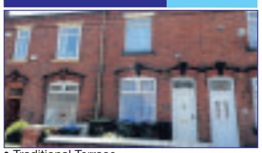
OFFERS AROUND: £120,000
Viewing:

Bedford Road, West Bromwich NEW

- Delightful Detached Bungalow
- Superb Conservatory
- Off Street Parking
- Energy Rating C, Two Bedrooms

OFFERS AROUND: £135,000
Viewing:

Cambridge Street, West Bromwich NEW



- Traditional Terrace
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- , Downstairs Bathroom

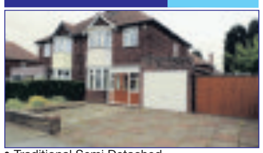
OFFERS AROUND: £85,000
Viewing:

Church Vale, West Bromwich NEW

- Delightfully Presented
- Deceptively Spacious
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Energy Rating, Two Reception Rooms

OFFERS AROUND: £190,000
Viewing:

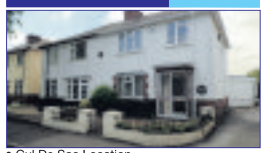
Stoney Lane, West Bromwich NEW



- Traditional Semi Detached
- Tremendous Potential
- Spacious Off Street Parking
- Energy Rating, Three Bedrooms

OFFERS AROUND: £160,000
Viewing:

Park Crescent, West Bromwich NEW



- Cul De Sac Location
- Three Bedrooms
- Delightfully Presented
- Energy Rating, Double Glazed Conservatory

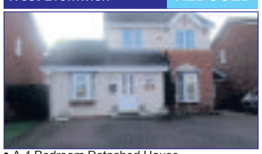
OFFERS AROUND: £155,000
Viewing:

Lyndhurst Road, West Bromwich

- Popular Residential Location
- Within Easy Distance of Sandwell Hospital
- Traditional Semi Detached
- Energy Rating E, Three Bedrooms

OFFERS AROUND: £145,000
Viewing:

Haywoods Farm, West Bromwich REDUCED



- A 4 Bedroom Detached House
- No Upward Chain
- Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Energy Rating D, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen/ Diner

OFFERS IN EXCESS: £170,000
Viewing:

Arbor Court, West Bromwich

- Sought After Location
- Situated On Private Road
- Two Bedrooms
- Energy Rating, Double Glazed Conservatory

OFFERS AROUND: £180,000
Viewing:

Warstone Drive, West Bromwich

- An Impressive Detached Property, No Upward Chain
- 3 Bedrooms
- Central Heating, Majority Double Glazing and Intruder Alarm
- Energy Rating E, Large Entrance Hall with Guest Cloaks/ WC

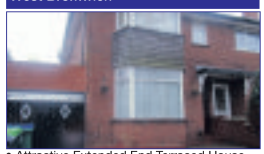
OFFERS IN EXCESS : £220,000
Viewing:

Rydding Square, West Bromwich

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Energy Rating, Newly Fitted Kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: £119,950
Viewing:

Walsall Road, West Bromwich



- Attractive Extended End Terraced House
- Centrally Heated
- Almost Entirely Double Glazed
- Energy Rating D, Hallway & Lounge

OFFERS AROUND: £115,000
Viewing:

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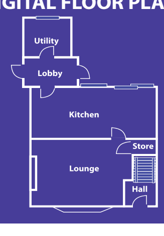

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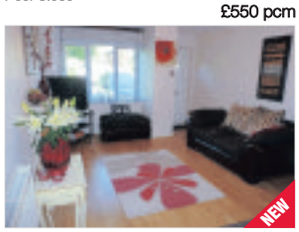

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NEW **OLDBURY**

SWAN CRESCENT
Traditional semi-detached house. Entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, lobby, utility/downstairs toilet, three bedrooms, bathroom, central heating, double glazing, off road parking. Established gardens. ENERGY RATING D
Offers in the region of £124,950

NEW **HALL, LANGLEY GARDENS**

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We are pleased to offer this ground floor flat within Langley Hall, parts of which date back to the 17th Century. Communal entrance, entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, airing cupboard, bathroom. Garage, parking and communal gardens.ENERGY RATING C
Offers in the region of £72,500

REDUCED **OLDBURY**

LANGLEY HIGH STREET
Edwardian detached house. Double glazing where specified, gas central heating "L" shaped reception hall, cellar, lounge, sitting room, breakfast kitchen, shower room, games room, three bedrooms, ensuite shower room and main bathroom. Double garage with attic room. Block paved courtyard to rear. ENERGY RATING E
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Offers in the region of £157,750

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TEMPLE WAY
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Number one for sales in the area

THE team of local dealerships – Dudley Motor Company, Stourbridge Motor House, Halesowen Motor House and T Wall Garages – is celebrating this month after scooping the award for selling more cars than any other manufacturer in the area for 2012.

The four dealerships were presented with a No 1 trophy at the recent Vauxhall District Meeting.

Tim Barnes, retail operator, commented: "We are extremely proud to receive this award and we are delighted that sales have continued to grow into 2013 – we couldn't have achieved this without the hard work and enthusiasm of the team, so I would just like to say a huge thank you to each and every one of them for their dedication.

Tim Barnes (retail operator) Rob Gilbert (general manager, Dudley Motor Company) and Stephanie Howson (regional operations for Vauxhall Motors Limited) with the No 1 trophy for achieving the best sales figures in the area

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"To us, customer experience is very important and so we always want to make sure that all new or returning customers are able to approach any member of the team and are well looked after.

"We aim for our service to exceed expectations and so I'm keen to ensure there are many more years of satisfied Vauxhall customers to come – here's to what we hope will be another successful year."

The independent, family-owned business is proud to have served motorists in the West Midlands for over 60 years, and with a fantastic range of new and used Vauxhall vehicles and an outstanding aftersales service, there's no wonder the dealership has been trusted by customers for such a substantial amount of time.

The business was first founded by Derrick Grieveson in Worcester in 1953 and operated under the name of Worcester Carsales. The dealership moved to a new site in Hylton Road, Worcester in 1963, and 1973 saw Mr Grieveson's son and current managing director, Stuart Grieveson, join the family company and more recently three of his children, cementing the future of the family run business.

Stuart Grieveson says: "We are immensely proud that we are, and have always been, a privately owned family-run business, as we feel this enables us to put our customers first.

At the dealerships, we don't look for short-term gain, we strive to build strong relationships with our customers and offer a quality service over a lifetime."

With the recent launches of the Vauxhall ADAM and Cascada, it really is an exciting time to be working with the Vauxhall brand.

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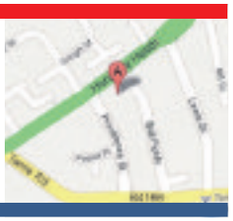

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Motoring

Compiled by Motoring Editor Sharon Walters

Bentley puts you in the lap of luxury

CHINA probably isn't the first place that would spring to mind when choosing a suitable location for the launch of a new, and very important, car.

Out in the sticks, asphalt roads turn to gravel for no apparent reason, while in cities such as Beijing, congestion is something that happens all the time. And the driving style can best be described as freeform chaos.

But this is the new Bentley Flying Spur, a car which will be appearing on wish lists all over the world but particularly in the Far East. China's new breed of successful people find Bentley's restrained status and luxury are the perfect fit, hence the first examples have hit the streets of Beijing.

Rather than a radical change, the new Flying Spur wisely follows the template set by the original. It's an imposing four-door machine but with more curvature around the hips and greater separation from the Continental GT coupe.

Smoother

The nose has full-width grilles and at the rear there's a squared-off tail and a smoother flow of the boot lid.

The more radical customer might prefer lighter shades but the sensible soul will choose a more sober metallic for the proper Bentley look.

Starting at the back seats rather than the front, there is the kind of room you would expect from a car in which you might well be driven. It's as cosseting and elegant as you could wish for, while the huge range of wood combinations means you can make it as tasteful or otherwise as you wish.

As well as claiming a reduction in noise by 40 per cent over the old car, heated, ventilated and electrically adjustable seats for all offer an even better back-seat experience.

Bentley has introduced a touchscreen remote that sits by your knees and which glides elegantly forward at the touch of a button so it can be handheld. About the size of a modest mobile phone, you can control the satnav, audio system, rear climate control, sun blinds and even view the speedometer and trip computer. It's a small thing in many ways but it sums up the attention that has been paid to the details – and it really shows.

The Bentley Flying Spur is powered by a twin-turbocharged 6.0-litre engine producing 616bhp

The fundamentals, of course, are already well in place.

The body structure uses aluminium for the bonnet and front wings, a composite rear bootlid and high-strength steels for a better combination of safety and reduced weight.

Overall, the body is four per cent stiffer than before while the whole car is 50kg lighter – Bentley says this would be more but for an increased specification. Motive power comes from the superb twin-turbocharged 6.0-litre W12 already seen in the Continental GT, and here it produces a more than adequate 616bhp. Driving all four wheels through the impressive eight-speed automatic transmission, the Flying Spur is spectacularly fast despite its significant size and weight. The 0-62mph time is despatched in 4.6 seconds; 0-100mph in less than 10, and the top speed of 200mph surely is enough for anyone. The Flying Spur doesn't always feel this fast though; driven in full-on chauffeur mode, it will sail along as well as any super-luxury car.

A new specification tyre and softer suspension over the old car improve what was already a good ride but separates it further from the more sporty Continental GT.

Those wanting the bigger wheel options will pay a very marginal price in terms of slightly less bump absorption, but unless you make a habit of swerving between pot holes, the Flying Spur delivers superb comfort.

Powerhouse

Of course, that powerhouse under the bonnet offers such prodigious torque that you barely need more than a tiny prod of the accelerator to keep up with the traffic. Press more firmly and you can leave it well and truly behind. Even when giving everything, there's nothing more than a cultured roar from the exhaust as it unrelentingly blasts forward. The auto gearbox works best when left to its own devices despite the presence of paddles, while the dampers can be firmed up for more demanding driving.

The Flying Spur is inevitably a little more comfort-biased but it is no less capable when pushed through a series of bends. The brakes are immensely strong, the steering is reassuringly accurate and offers decent feel – in other words, it has the ability to hustle along way beyond the demands of 99 per cent of owners.

That sums up the new Flying Spur rather well. The improvements over the old car are in all the key areas, yet there's more performance, comfort and specification when there was already plenty. It's hard to see a way in which the Flying Spur could do anything other than deliver a very satisfying experience.

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The BMW Z4 – the makers have made it look good with the roof open or closed

Luxury leather upholstery adds £1,055 to the bill

The sporty low-slung feel to the car offers the ultimate in two person transport

BMW keep tin top for sporty Z4

IT took a glass or two of fine red over dinner to loosen the tongue of a very senior car company salesperson, who declared with venom "We'll never make another of those."

He was talking about the convertible version of his company's big selling hatch, using a clever but complicated steel folding roof to morph the car from closed to open.

By Ian Donaldson

Far too much trouble, with motors stopping with the roof half up (or down) and too many leaks onto customers' expensive dresses when it rained. Never again!

None of which is meant to apply to any of the following words. They concern the latest version of a sporty BMW with a magic metal roof; the villain in the car park was not a BMW and you can't buy one new any longer.

Other car makers seem to be losing their love affair with metal folding tops and reverting to canvas, on the grounds of cost, reliability and style. It's hard to make a tin top look good when so much room has to be made to hold the roof when it's down.

Dumpy bottoms seem almost unavoidable, and a long way from the sporty svelteness you can bet the designer had in mind. They play havoc with boot space when they're folded, too.

So well done BMW for making the Z4 look good, open or closed. It remains a complicated way to let the sun in, though, and the boot is tiny with the roof folded away.

BMW has had to devise a special opening feature to maximise the boot opening aperture when the roof is down, involving a balletic sequence of whirring panels. Clever but slow and pointing up the compromise needed for the feeling of security a metal top provides.

But enough of the practicalities; the Z4 has just undergone the gentlest of mid-life makeovers, with white eyebrows over the headlights and chrome flicks on the side gills that give the car some of its sportiness in profile.

And, yes, hardly anyone will notice. Bigger news if you're looking for a new Z4 is the choice of a less powerful engine that cuts £2,100 off the price and makes it the least expensive of BMW's roadsters.

The £27,610 Z4 sDrive18i uses a detuned version of the same 2.0 litre engine you'll find in the more expensive sDrive20i, with 30 fewer horses. I know the 18i ought to be a 1.8 litre engine but BMW long ago stopped playing the logical badge game.

Tempted

Performance is blunted a bit, but the silliness of the official tests have both power plants producing identical economy and emissions figures.

You can pay up to £45,795 for a Z4 but a solid 80 per cent of buyers have opted for the 20i and it will be interesting to see how many are now tempted to save a little cash at ordering time.

If they tick the box for leather upholstery they'll find the bill increasing by £1,055, which neatly halves the price advantage over the dearer, more powerful 20i, which has cowhide as standard. Standard kit includes a DAB radio and xenon headlights.

On the road you'll discover a car with mildly over-sensitive steering, a slightly notchy gearbox (and cramped space around the pedals) but with a properly sporty low slung feel and a severe but beautifully built approach to two-person indulgent transport.

With the sun shining and roof stowed, this cheapest way to a Z4 makes sense.

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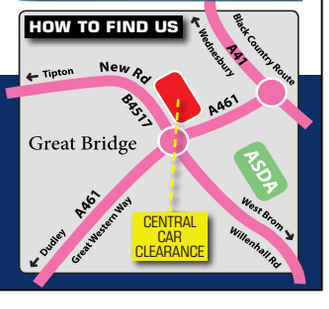


Motoring

Crowds applaud at the final leg of the Grande Giro Lamborghini 50th Anniversary tour in Bologna

Lamborghinis are the superstars of this Italian party

By Matt Kimberley

AN average British tourist wandering through Bologna last month might have wondered what all the fuss – and noise – was about.

If they'd have timed it just right, say about 3pm, they'd have witnessed dozens of Lamborghinis tearing through the city streets under police escort, with thousands of Lamborghini fans standing street-side with flags, banners and cameras.

This was the scene as the final leg of the Grande Giro Lamborghini 50th Anniversary tour got under way. And our average British tourist probably wouldn't have been interested past the novelty of seeing so many loud, (occasionally) obnoxious sports cars in one place.

And yet, as I observed from the driver's seat of a Gallardo Spyder LP 570-4 Performante, the Italians were going crazy for the show being staged for them.

There was a depth of passion and joy that you just-wouldn't see in the UK. Frankly, it was brilliant.

Flags

As part of a convoy, I snaked my way out of the city and across an expanse of countryside, guiding the Performante through a few overtakes as the angry bark of the V10 behind me left car after car in its wake.

One thing was constant though, and that was the crowd.

Fans were everywhere, tripods at the ready, arms waving and grins spreading wide as the other drivers and I tore past.

I don't know of any British event quite like the Grande Giro. Of all the enthusiasts at a UK car show, how many would bother to stand out on the street waving flags and taking pictures if a few dozen Aston Martins were to go past?

How many would even know it was an Aston Martin anniversary in the first place? Precious few, no doubt.

There is, and has been for some time in Britain, an air of distaste around supercars and it's totally unfair.

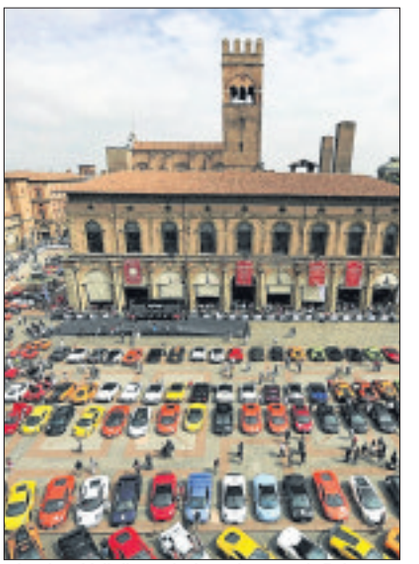
I was recently driving a Ferrari 458 Spider just outside Bristol, minding my own business, overtaking an old Nissan Primera, when the bearded man inside made an offensive hand gesture out of his window, for no reason whatsoever.

I wasn't speeding, tailgating or anything else that might have provoked such a reaction.

In Italy, drive an Italian supercar and people actively let you into gaps. People honk their horns in praise and flash the thumbs-up.

The rumour mill says that even the police treat you with more restraint if you're in something like a Lamborghini.

You wouldn't play a fine piano concerto in a monkey enclosure at the zoo because they wouldn't appreciate it. For bellowing out the Lamborghini symphony, there's simply nowhere better than Italy.



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The model has also had a change of engine. A turbocharged and supercharged 1.4-litre TSI petrol unit with 158bhp has been introduced to replace a 1.8-litre unit that produced the same power.

The R-line Passat features a unique body styling kit and a 15mm lower ride height.

Rear tailgate and boot lid spoilers adorn the saloon and estate variants respectively, while the whole package rides on standard 18-inch wheels and wide, low-profile 235/40 tyres. Bi-xenon headlights, chrome bumper trim and dark-tinted rear windows help the R-line to stand out from more run-of-the-mill Passats.

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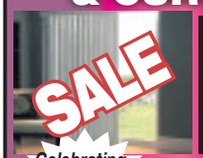

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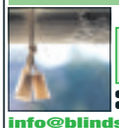

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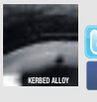

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The effect of the Order will be to-
(a) impose a 50 miles per hour speed restriction on –
(i) the northbound carriageway of the M5 between point 2000 metres south of, and a point 230 metres north of, its junction with the exit slip road at Junction 2;
(ii) the southbound carriageway of the M5 between a point 2100 metres north of, and a point 220 metres south of, its junction with the exit slip road at Junction 2
(iii) the slip road leading from the northbound carriageway of the M5 to its roundabout junction with the A4123 at Junction 2; and
(iv) the slip road leading from the southbound carriageway of the M5 to its roundabout junction with the A4123 at Junction 2;

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(ii) the slip road described in (a) (iv) above; and
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Mike Lloyd, A Higher Executive Officer in the Highways Agency

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Regeneration and Economy
Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010

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Members of the public may inspect copies of these applications at Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury, West Midlands, B69 3DE (between 8.00a.m. and 5.30p.m. Monday to Thursday, and 8.00a.m. to 5p.m. Friday) or via the Council's Public Access website (www.sandwell.gov.uk).

Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications can do so via the website, or should write to the Council at the above address within 21 days (and 21 days for Listed Building or Conservation Area consent) of the date of this advertisement quoting the application reference number.

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I'll prove my worth, pledges Weimann

ANDI WEIMANN has vowed to repay Villa after he put pen to paper on a new three-year deal.

The striker has handed the club a major summer boost and immediately pledged to prove his worth at Villa Park.

Norwich and Newcastle were interested in the Austrian ace, who had a year left on his old deal, as Villa made it a priority to keep the 21-year-old. He has signed an improved deal, which keeps him at the club until 2016.

"I feel like I owe the manager and the club because the manager backed me last season after he came in," Weimann said. "I have always felt comfortable and really supported at the club.

"The supporters, too, have been brilliant with me and they've really taken to me which I'm delighted about. It means everything to know you have support like that. It's great to be a part of an exciting future at Villa.

"We stuck together last season and having so many young players helped because we grew together as a team and improved as well as players. That's why I want to continue to do my best for the club," added Weimann

Weimann scored 12 goals in 38 appearances last term as Villa beat the drop and the former Rapid Vienna youngster admitted he was surprised at his progress.

Villa will get stronger, says defender

New contract – Baker

NATHAN BAKER has vowed Villa will improve after penning a new three-year deal.

The defender has committed his future until 2016 after being rewarded for his role in Villa's successful survival battle.

Academy graduate Baker made 30 appearances in his breakthrough campaign and insisted the club will not struggle next season.

"We were probably one of the youngest squads in the Premier League last year and we felt that we got stronger and stronger as the season went on," said the 22-year-old, after Villa finished 15th

Aston Villa

last term.

"Hopefully, next term we can keep improving and we can be even better.

"I think things are in place for us to do that.

"As a team, we really grew over the course of the campaign and we're going to keep growing.

"There are still ways we can improve as players and as a team and there's a lot of potential here.

"If we play next season the way we ended the one just gone, we believe we can push up the table and surprise some people." Baker made his debut in the 2-1 win at Wigan in 2011 after coming through the claret and blue ranks. He has made 43 appearances for Villa and had loan spells at Millwall and Lincoln but is yet to score a senior goal.

"I'm really happy to have signed and for my future to be with Villa," he said.

"It's an exciting time and, because I've come through the academy as well, it's something that's really special to me.

"It's something I can use as an inspiration in the future.

"I'm hoping to have a good pre-season, to show the manager I'm still improving and getting better and hopefully I can retain a place in the starting XI.

"That's my aim, to nail down a starting position but I know that won't be easy so I have to keep working hard."

Defensive partner Ciaran Clark is also in line for a new deal as boss Paul Lambert rewards his young squad for keeping them in the Premier League.

Lambert added: "Nathan has contributed to the team and these qualities will underpin his efforts going into the new season in the Premier League."

Be patient, plea over deals for new faces

ALBION boss Steve Clarke has called for patience in the club's summer transfer hunt as he admitted no new faces are imminent at The Hawthorns.

The Baggies have been linked with a host of names but Clarke believes most deals will happen later in the summer.

"We have a list of players but I'd be lying if I said we had players lined up to come in because we haven't," said the Scot. "But it's a long summer and you tend to find that there aren't many signings in June."

Meanwhile, Albion have awarded teenage goalkeeper Jack Rose his first professional contract and released youngsters James Hurst and Romaine Sawyers.

The Baggies have extended the stays of Liam O'Neil, Kemar Roofe, Donervorn Daniels and Cameron Gayle.

Solihull-born England youth keeper Rose, 18, has been given a one-year deal while full-back Hurst and wideman Sawyers, have been released.

● Albion insist they have not agreed to face Kilmarnock and Hearts in pre-season friendlies in July and August, despite reports.

Albion thanks to fans as 16,000 tickets sold

ALBION have thanked hard-pressed fans after a season ticket boost.

More than 16,000 Baggies supporters have now booked their seats for the next campaign after last week's deadline for renewals.

That beats the figure at the same stage a year ago and leaves Albion hopeful their price freeze will continue to mean a packed-out Hawthorns next season.

By the time the last campaign kicked off, Albion had sold more than 18,000 season tickets and when the half-season figures were added in January, that figure had passed 19,000.

by Martin Swain

It delivers another punishing contrast with Black Country neighbours Wolves, who from the high point of 20,409 sales on their 2009 Premier League touchdown have now slumped to a little more than 10,000 as third-tier football awaits.

Grappling

But in a tough time for supporters grappling with the recession, Albion are delighted to be holding on to their core support.

Chief executive Mark Jenkins said: "We have frozen season ticket prices across the board from last season and we're delighted with the response of the supporters.

"They have again shown tremendous loyalty to the club during what are tough economic times.

"The number of season tickets we have sold is just ahead of the amount of bookings we had at the same stage 12 months ago, which led to our best season ticket sales for four years."

That was when Albion, having enjoyed promotion under Tony Mowbray, set a club record of 21,000 season ticket sales.

The previous best before that was the 20,500 sold for the famous Great Escape Premier League campaign.

Now they are hoping the anticipated transfer business by the club will help the figure grow as the tickets now go out to general sale.

Adult prices start at £359, under-17s at £105, under-21s/students at £205 and seniors at £279 in the two popular Birmingham Road and Smethwick Ends.

Adult prices in the East Stand range from £409 to £459 while the West Stand has an all-age group price of £459.

Hancock on track for return

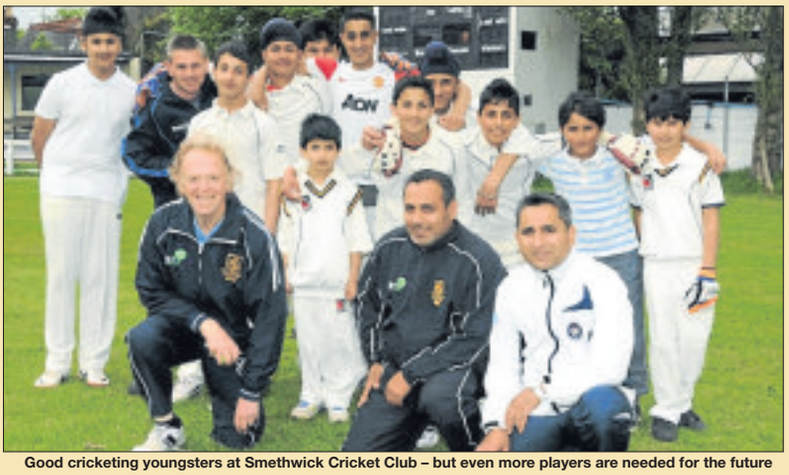
CRADLEY legend Greg Hancock has sent his best wishes to the Heathens in their battle for a new track as he prepares to make a one-off return to the West Midlands later this year.

Double world champion Hancock will ride in the Joe Hughes Invitational at Monmore Green on September 16 to honour former rider and equipment supplier Hughes, who died last year.

Hancock, 43, started his career with Heathens in 1989 and remained there until their closure in 1996.

He is thrilled to be returning for a meeting to raise funds for Cancer Research UK and junior speedway development.

Youngsters are bowled over by free coaching



Good cricketing youngsters at Smethwick Cricket Club – but even more players are needed for the future

FREE coaching sessions are on offer to youngsters as Smethwick CC try to halt their dwindling membership.

Club secretary Mohammed Zabair said that more than 100 youngsters used to attend when he first became involved 10 years ago.

But despite a spike in 2005, when England won the Ashes, the numbers have slowly been coming down.

"Our numbers have dwindled over the years," said Zabair. "So now we're offering youngsters coaching free.

"We want to help youngsters up to the age of 16. Girls, boys, any ability. We want to work with youngsters and develop their interest in cricket."

Zabair said the economic downturn was the main problem. "There are a number of factors, but the main one we've found is that parents can't afford it," he said.

Based at Broomfield, The Uplands, the sessions run on Mondays from 6-8pm. More details on the scheme at the website www.smethwick.playcricket.com/home/home.asp

On the pitch, Smethwick won their Birmingham and District Division One derby at Old Hill. The home side were held to 178-9, with Naqaash Tahir taking 4-51, before Smethwick cantered home to win by five wickets.

Tipton host Euro table tennis vets

THE Veterans International Table Tennis Tournament returns to England on June 28, 29, and 30, at a Black Country venue.

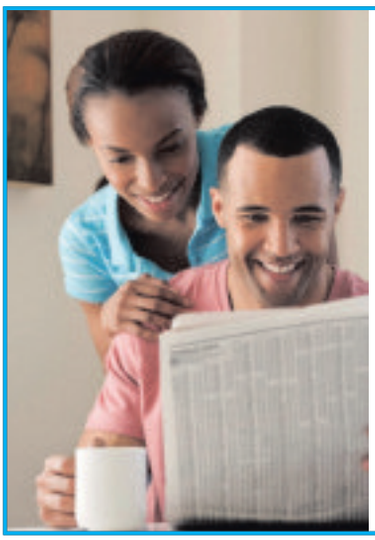
Tipton Sports Centre will host a star-studded line-up.

England will start as favourites but may be hard-pressed by the challenge of a strong German team. These two countries have dominated veteran's table tennis at World and European level for many years.

A combined total of 139 players will be playing in categories according to age.

In the men's over-40 event England have a very strong team with Lorestas Trumpauskas leading out Andy Trott, who has had a successful record since coming into the veteran category, and Chris Clinton. They are likely to be extended by the Germans, led by Mattias Lieber.

The England B team will also compete.



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Tank is fired up for top billing

DUDLEY'S Ryan Aston is hoping to give fight fans their money's worth when he tops a professional bill for the first time at Wolverhampton Civic Hall.

The 22-year-old also has the chance to win his first paid title, the International Masters middleweight crown, against Portuguese-born Spaniard Yuri Pompilio. They clash in a 10-round match on Saturday, July 6 – a second shot for Aston after losing his Midlands title tilt.

Aston was beaten in two rounds that night – and a rematch with his nemesis, Nottingham's Curtis Valentine, is another target.

However, Aston claims his rival has 'gone missing from the gym' and instead will take on international opposition over a title distance.

And 'Tank' is hoping for a long night's work, to get vital ring time under his belt. He said: "It's great that it's a title, but just to go the 10 rounds would be useful for me."

Headlining at the Civic means a lot to the former Priory Park ABC amateur.

He's competed at the venue once and did so in style, taking out Telford's Kieron Gray in less than a round on the Prizefighter bill in February 2011.

For details, call the Civic box office on 0870 320 7000 or promoter Paul 'PJ' Rowson on 07976 283 157.

Track rivals battle again

ONE of speedway's greatest rivalries will be renewed when Wolves and Heathens lock horns once again.

Memories of the old Dudley-Wolves Trophy days will come flooding back when a young Wolves side face National League Dudley Heathens at Monmore Green on Monday, July 1.

The fixture is in memory of Gary Peterson, a talented young rider who lost his life on the track at Monmore in 1975. The teams will be racing for the BBC WM Trophy.

Heathens currently use Monmore as their home track and will be looking to put one over their hosts.

The meeting will be a traditional 15-heat team clash followed by an old fashioned 'rider of the night' second half for the Gary Peterson Memorial Shield.

Admission for the event is adults £12, concessions £8, juniors £2, under-11s free.

Popular Hamill awaiting Heathens return

Speedway

CALIFORNIAN glamour boy Billy Hamill will make his first visit to a Dudley Heathens event next month.

Hamill, who was one of the most popular riders ever to wear Cradley colours, will be guest of honour when they host the FAST Golden Hammer at Wolverhampton on Tuesday, July 16.

Hamill won the world title in 1996, ironically the same season he won his one and only Hammer crown when Heathens were riding at Stoke.

And speaking from his Californian home in the early hours of Saturday morning, Hamill was excited about meeting the thousands of fans once again.

"I'm just so looking forward to seeing everyone again," said Hamill. "I'm following the Dudley Heathens from here in California on the website and the way the supporters are getting behind those young kids is superb.

"I've heard about the young boys at reserve, Max Clegg and Nathan Greaves, and I look forward to meeting up with them at the Hammer.

"My time at Cradley shaped my adult life. My memories of Dudley Wood are special and I really wish the Dudley guys well in what they are trying to do.

Support

"I know what wonderful support is there, they were awesome to me throughout my career and I can't wait to see everyone."

Fans will have the chance to meet Hamill for pictures and autographs before the meeting and he will also address the crowd during the interval. The meeting is once again promoted in association with Dudley Stroke Association who are promoting their FAST message – Face, Arms, Speech, Time, if a stroke is suspected dial 999.

It promises to be another memorable night with the entire Heathens team in action along with the best of the National League.

Heathens head to Berwick for an inter-league challenge on Saturday and their next home meeting is against deadly rivals Mildenhall in the National League on June 25.

ALBION STILL HOPE TO SIGN TOIVONEN

PREMIER LEAGUE rivals Norwich have agreed a £4m fee for Albion target Ola Toivonen – but the Baggies have not given up on signing the PSV Eindhoven striker.

The 26-year-old is a long-standing target at The Hawthorns but the Canaries have made the first move for the Sweden international by striking a deal with his club.

He is chasing a switch to the Premier League but PSV's technical director Marcel Brands hinted the story has some way to run after confirming the agreement with Norwich.

West Bromwich

"There is real interest in Toivonen, but moreover, from more clubs than Norwich," he said.

The experienced frontman is available for a cut-price £4m as he prepares to enter the final year of his PSV contract, openly expressing his dissatisfaction with the team's style of football.

He said last week when asked about a move to the English top flight: "It is always interesting. I don't know, hard to say (what league would suit me). It depends on which team you come to.

Latter

"There are teams who like to play long balls and those who like to play by the ground. I prefer the latter."

That fits the bill for Albion where it is also impossible to ignore that he shares an agent – former Sweden striker Martin Dahlin – with current players Jonas Olsson and Markus Rosenberg.

The speculation about Toivonen comes as other transfer-seeking overseas stars were linked to the club.

Anderlecht forward Dieumerci Mbokani, who Albion's scouts have watched twice, has followed up reports of interest by admitting he also wants a move to England. He has been publicly recommended by pal Romelu Lukaku, who will at least start the pre-season firmly entrenched in the plans of new Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho.

That has fuelled an inevitable rush of speculation about who Albion will turn to should the Belgian star win a permanent place in Mourinho's plans.

Also, reports in Spain maintain that head coach Steve Clarke is keen on a player he knows well from his Chelsea days, Portugal midfielder Tiago, 32, who is poised to leave Atletico Madrid.

Baggies' boss Steve Clarke said he sees no need for a 'radical' overhaul of his squad this summer as he focuses on improving on a record-breaking campaign.

Following the thrilling finale against champions Manchester United the Hawthorns boss has had time to reflect – and admits he has mixed feelings about last season.

But he is in no doubt he has a strong core of players at his disposal. He said: "I don't think we need radical reshaping."

Pair hope for great leap forward with Team GB

Liam Harmitt and Danni Gedling who are waiting to hear if they have been selected for the Team GB taekwondo team

A COUPLE from the Black Country who are martial arts masters, are hoping to be selected together for the British taekwondo team.

Liam Harmitt, aged 22 and Danni Gedling, 21 are aiming for selection to Team GB after getting through the the final rounds.

The couple, of Great Bridge, who have a 14-month-old daughter Shaylee, have passed three elimination stages and boot camp. They have trained together for 13 years and are both third dan black belts who work out at Tipton Tigers Martial Arts on New Road, Great Bridge.

Their coach, Liam's father Hopeton Harmitt, of Hill Top, West Bromwich, said: "They are the first two from the squad to get through to the final stage which is a real personal achievement. We are keeping our fingers crossed."

Mr Harmitt, who is head coach at Tipton Tigers added: "They both started with me and they've both fought competitively, nationally and internationally. I'm hoping they can achieve something not just for themselves but for Sandwell as well."

Harmitt has also helped Liam set up BC Tigers Martial Arts club at Hill Top and both clubs are always on the lookout for new members.

Harmitt added: "We are always looking for people to join. I have been teaching in Tipton for over 20 years and I love to help the kids in the community."

Anyone interested can contact Hopeton on 0781 0348146 or Liam on 0770 4941393.

Depleted side take the match by storm

DUDLEY produced a stunning 62-30 demolition of strongly-fancied neighbours Coventry, *writes Rich Jones*.

And they did it without the services of injured key duo Dan Greenwood (shoulder) and Gareth Isherwood (back) who pulled out in the build-up to the local derby.

Team boss Will Pottinger was thrilled with his side. "We were maybe expecting it to go down to the wire, but in the end the lads put in an excellent display," he said.

A 5-1 in the opening race from flying reserve Max Clegg and No.1 Ashley Morris set the tone as Dudley blitzed to three maximums in the opening four races.

Heat 13 saw a horror crash for Morris after James Sarjeant fell in front of him – yet he dusted himself down to take the flag alongside Lewis Blackbird in the rerun.

The two suffered just one defeat apiece.

DUDLEY: Ashley Morris 13+1, Paul Starke 13, Lewis Blackbird 12+1, Max Clegg 12+1, Nathan Greaves 7+3, Darryl Ritchings 5+3, Gareth Isherwood R/R

COVENTRY: Robert Branford 14, Joe Jacobs 6, James Sarjeant 4, Luke Crang 3+1, Brendan Johnson 2, Martin Knuckey 1, Ryan Terry-Daley 0.

Jackett hints at summer moves

KENNY JACKETT has hinted he is confident Wolves will move on their star players this summer.

The Molineux head coach also indicated the success in selling their high earners will be key to new signings.

Wolves will invite offers of more than £4m for Bakary Sako. Roger Johnson, Jamie O'Hara and Kevin Doyle are looking to move on.

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